



£300k DRUGS GANG IS JAILED

FOUR men who helped run drugs rings in the Black Country, which together were worth more than £300,000, have been jailed for over 20 years.

Father-of-two Omar Farooq, of Foster Street, Darlaston, allowed heroin and cocaine to be kept and prepared at his properties in an operation first rumbled by police in January 2014. Officers shut that down and he started another operation in October 2015.

In the second bust last October police found £200,000 worth of heroin in his garage at his home where his family was living.

He was jailed for nine and a half years at Wolverhampton Crown Court for conspiracy to supply class A drugs after he allowed a now jailed drug dealer to operate from a flat Farooq rented on Fellows Park Gardens in Pleck.

When officers forced their way into the property they found drugs worth £62,000 and £13,500 cash. But operations were moved to another flat, on Ampleforth Drive in Willenhall and to Foster Street, in October 2015.

Entrusted

Judge Kristina Montgomery QC told Farooq: "A significant aggravating factor is that operation which you had provided a role had been shut down. You had not been dissuaded from your activities."

She added: "You took a very considerable risk both on your own part and your family's and to have been entrusted with that amount of heroin you must have been held in high regard by whoever gave it to you."

Officers monitored Ampleforth Drive for 12 days that month and saw two street dealers, Aqib Hussain and Mohammed Miah, visit regularly to pick up stock. Police later found heroin worth £40,000 and £6,000 in cash there.

Aqib Hussain, 23, of Holden Crescent in Walsall, developed a heroin addiction when he lost his



Nine and a half years – Omar Farooq

job and would pick up his drugs from the flat as well as organise deals. He was jailed for three years and seven months.

Unemployed Miah, 24, of Wednesbury Road in Walsall, previously served a 30-month sentence for dealing heroin. Judge Kristina Montgomery QC told him he must serve five years and two months for his part in this recent conspiracy.

The duo travelled to Ampleforth Drive in two rented cars and were found with four mobile phones. They would be used to regularly send text messages to up to 89 contacts.

Another man, Izrar Hussein, 32, of West Avenue in Birmingham, dealt drugs for the gang for one day in January 2014 when it was based on Fellows Park Gardens. He will serve two years.

CRASH BARBERS LIKE SCENE FROM BLITZ

"WE'LL be doing our best to try and get it open again soon, but it looks like a scene from the Blitz."

These are the words of devastated John Cownley, owner of Cownley's Barbers and Hairdressers in Walsall, after a van ploughed into his historic shop in the early hours of Saturday.

The shop has been running for 90 years in Pinfold Street, and was passed down from Mr Cownley's grandfather and then father, before he took the reins. But years of history could be about to crumble around him after a Mercedes Sprinter smashed into the gable end of the shop at around 4.30am on Saturday.

The side of the building that serves gentlemen was most severely hit, and provisionally at least, structural damage to the outside of the building and the mess left behind inside means that part of the shop is likely to be closed for at least two to three weeks.

Mess

Mr Cownley hopes the side that offers ladies hairdressing will remain open after the all-clear from structural engineers, and that he can also offer barbering for gents alongside it, but he will still be left counting severe costs.

He said: "A Sprinter van has come down from the Walsall side of the road and it's come off the road and planted itself right in the gable end of my shop. You can see the amount of mess it's left behind, the devastation is quite severe."

"The shop has been going for 90 years. I've been working here for 40 years. My father had the shop before me and my grandfather had it before him. I've no idea how much this is going to cost us. It's going to be at least two or three weeks of the shop being shut though."

"I'd be hazarding a guess if I were to put a figure on how much it will cost."



John Cownley, front, and his brother Joe inside near where the van crashed through



The scene of devastation at the barber shop in Pinfold Street, Darlaston

TUNISIA

We will never forget them: Club's tribute

A MOVING tribute has been paid to three relatives killed during a terror attack in Tunisia at the football club they considered part of the family.

Suzy Richards, who lost her 19 year-old son Joel, brother Adrian Evans, 49 and father Patrick Evans, 78 in the horror killings at a beach in Sousse on June 26, last year, attended the silence to mark the one year anniversary of a day that will never be forgotten. She was joined by her younger son Owen.



Flowers – Suzy and Owen Richards

Miss Richards said the event was a 'beautiful' display of support from the club and fans. She said: "It was a lovely feeling, to be here with people who have gone out of their way to pay tribute to my family. I would like to sincerely thank people for bringing flowers down."

"I was surprised by how many people wanted to show their love and make sure what happened wasn't forgotten. It is lovely to be able to get so much support."

The terror attack took place within 24 hours of Joel, Patrick, Adrian and Joel's younger brother Owen arriving in Tunisia.

Speaking after the minute's silence, held outside the Saddlers' Banks' Stadium, the club's CEO Stefan Gamble said what happened on that day in Tunisia 'goes beyond football' and declared his pride at being able to help the family in any way possible.

He said: "The club was a big part of this family's life and we believe it is our duty to show our solidarity and support."

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CHALLENGE

Athletes wanted for Aldridge duathlon

ATHLETES are wanted to compete in a duathlon which will be held in Walsall in September.

The Aldridge Running Club event will take place at Walsall Arboretum on September 18. It is being run for the second consecutive year.

It will consist of a five kilometre run, followed by a 20 kilometre cycle ride and a second five kilometre run.

Other athletes can take part in a shorter duathlon. That will consist of a one and a half mile run, a five mile cycle ride and another one and a half mile run.

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Vigil held as Cox accused trial set up



MP Valerie Vaz at the vigil

THE man accused of the terror-related murder of Labour MP Jo Cox will go on trial in the autumn.

Thomas Mair, 52, is accused of shooting and stabbing Mrs Cox, 41, outside her constituency surgery in Birstall, near Leeds. He is charged with murder, grievous bodily harm, possession of a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence and possession of an offensive weapon.

He appeared at the Old Bailey via video link from top security Belmarsh jail amid a list of terror-related cases to

be heard by Mr Justice Saunders. The senior judge set a provisional timetable with a trial fixed to start on November 14.

Another hearing will take place on September 19 at the Old Bailey, with a plea hearing pencilled in on October 4.

The preliminary hearing coincided with referendum day and comes the day after Mrs Cox's widower Brendan and their two young children marked what would have been her 42nd birthday.

In Walsall, dozens of people, including Walsall's Mayor Councillor Kath

Phillips, Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz and Walsall Council leader Sean Coughlan, attended a special vigil outside St Paul's Crossing in Darwall Street to pay tribute and take part in the minute's silence.

At the Commons event, Prime Minister David Cameron praised Mrs Cox as 'a voice of compassion whose irrepressible spirit and boundless energy lit up the lives of all who knew her'.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said that, with her death, British society had lost 'one of our very best'.

Link to motorway is reopened after work

A POPULAR Black Country route used for accessing the motorway which has been closed for more than 18 months has finally reopened.

Bentley Mill Way in Darlaston was shut in October 2014 for work to commence on lowering the road beneath the grade II listed James Bridge Aqueduct in order to make it easier for lorries to pass through.

The scheme was due to finish at the end of last year but has dragged on due to issues with the road surfacing.

But now Walsall Council has reopened the route which has also marked the end to a £26million highways improvement scheme in the wider Darlaston area.

The Department for Transport has provided £14.3million towards the project.

Transport Minister Robert Goodwill said: "The opening of Bentley Mill Way marks the successful completion of the Darlaston scheme that will give Walsall and the Black Country a major economic boost, cut congestion and improve journeys.

Gratifying

"The Government is providing a record £12 billion to local areas for schemes like this. We are delivering the biggest investment in roads in a generation that will help businesses, create jobs and help the economy grow."

Deputy council leader Lee Jeavons added: "I saw the beginning of this project and it is very gratifying to see it completed. This project is more than just a means of getting people from A to B, though that will be an undoubted benefit.

"The real benefit of this project is that it unlocks the potential of the area, providing a number of sites which we hope will attract new investment, business and jobs."

The improvement scheme, referred to as the Darlaston Strategic Development Area Access Project, also included similar works on Bentley Road South which reopened in March after being shut since 2013.

Despite delays along the way Dawnus Construction received an award for innovation from the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation for the work which involved more than 370,000 hours of labour.

Reserves march again as base opens



The official opening with Mayor Kath Phillips and HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands George Marsh

AN Army Reserve Centre in Walsall is once again home to a unit four years after the last group moved out.

Members of the 159 Field Company, 101 Battalion REME have been placed at Gordon House in Sutton Road.

The squadron was in need of a new base to train which gave Army Reserve bosses the chance to use the site again.

Cadets continued to use Gordon House but no Army Reserve had been on site since 2012, which

raised questions about its future.

The new reservists have been settling in for the last month but an official opening ceremony was held on Saturday, led by the Vice Lord Lieutenant George Marsh for West Midlands and Mayor of Walsall Councillor Kath Phillips.

They unveiled a plaque marking the opening of the site.

The site will become the squadron's main training base one evening a week and at weekends. The 159 Field Company is a relatively new squadron and had

been sharing with another group in Caters Green, West Bromwich. With the Walsall building without reserves, it was decided it would make sense to base them there in a facility they could call their own.

Minor refurbishments were carried out prior to the move to ensure it was suitable for their training.

Jacquelyn Taylor, communications manager for the West Midlands Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, said: "It's great news that the unit is fully operational again."

First event for bosses is hailed a big success

THE first ever Walsall Business Week has been hailed a huge success.

The week of meetings, presentations and speeches, organised to promote businesses in the borough, took place earlier this month.

The first event, held at University of Wolverhampton's Walsall Campus, was an exhibition organised by the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, Best of Walsall and Gone Fishing 4 Business.

The three organisations shared their experience and contacts to bring together nearly 300 local businesses of all sizes and sectors.

Quiss Technology Limited had a stand at the event and presented an information session.

Matt Rhodes, commercial services manager with the company, said: "We saw this as a great opportunity to spread awareness of the ever topical issue of cyber security.

"We met so many people during the 3-hour event who had been experiencing issues with their current IT or needed support with future growth.

"It was great to meet so many people and indeed so many people genuinely interested in hearing how we can help them.

"We are now following all of these enquiries up and looking forward to working closely with more local businesses and investing some of our time and support into the local economy.

"If you didn't make it to this year's event, we can highly recommend it and will hopefully see you next year."

Golf contest in the swing

A GROUP of 19 disabled and impaired golfers attended Walsall Golf Club for an annual tournament. The club, which runs sessions for disabled children and has a course altered to help disabled, welcomed the team, from the Disabled Golf Association, for their annual West Midlands Order of Merit tournament.

The Midland Order of Merit is a series of open golf competitions held at courses throughout the Midlands during a year.

Throughout the year competitors are awarded points on their finishing position in each tournament with the golfer accumulating the most points throughout the season being crowned the Midland Order of Merit Champion.

Organiser Graeme Robertson said: "It's amazing the power of sport for therapy and rehabilitation."

Brownhills stages Somme service

THE Royal British Legion's Brownhills branch will hold a service at its Cenotaph near St James' Church on Friday.

It has been arranged to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. It will include three whistles to mark the men passing over the top.

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Workers at council say a big hole left by tragedy

SANDWELL Council staff remembered a much-missed colleague on Sunday, who was killed in the Tunisian terror attack a year ago.

Adrian Evans, who lived in Bilston, began working for Sandwell Council as an apprentice in 1983. He was murdered along with his 78-year-old father Patrick and 19-year-old nephew Joel Richards on June 26 last year.

The terror attack left colleagues stunned and one year on his workmates said they are still struggling to come to terms with what happened to a man they described as 'the ultimate professional who would always go the extra mile for anybody'.

Earlier this year, staff at Roway Lane, where Adrian worked, joined with his family to mark what would have been his 50th birthday.

They unveiled a memorial area and bench next to his office window.

They also announced an apprenticeship awards scheme in his name.

Mr Evans had managed the authority's gas services team.

Adrian Scarrott, neighbourhood services chief, said: "For the gas team, the bench is where they meet to particularly remember Adrian. His colleagues made it and created a special place in his memory. Speaking at

Fears raised over lack of warnings

FAMILIES of the Tunisia terror attack victims raised concerns about a lack of warnings for travellers at a pre-inquest hearing.

Relatives of some of the 30 Britons murdered in the resort of Sousse last year fear not enough was done to alert holidaymakers of the terror risk in the country.

The attack came just three months after 24 people – including Shropshire solicitor Sally Jane Adey – were killed at the Bardo Museum in Tunis in March. Andrew Ritchie QC, who represents 17 families including Suzy Richards, said the Foreign Office had potentially failed to require holiday companies to warn Britons of the dangers.

He alleged that travel agents, including Thomson's parent company TUI, had told the Foreign Office that they intended to use 'reduced pricing strategies for further tourists to be enticed to Tunisia following the Bardo attack'. Howard Stevens QC, representing TUI, said the company 'will not accept the assertion'.



Suzy Richards

Chief says feeling of loss still 'raw'



Daniel Mole with Owen at the awards

'THE feeling of loss is as raw today as it was 12 months ago.' The words of a Walsall FC director as he paid tribute to Joel Richards, Adrian Evans and Patrick Evans.

The Saddlers played a hug part in the lives of this particular Wednesbury family – and continue to be a source of comfort for Suzy and Owen Richards. All involved with the club felt the loss when the news about the trio's deaths broke last year.

Walsall commissioned three specially made plaques which have been placed at Banks's Stadium. Club secretary and director Daniel

Mole said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Joel, Patrick and Adrian. Today marks the one year anniversary of the Tunisian terror attacks and the feeling of loss is as raw today as it was 12 months ago. "Through this tragedy, our bond with the family – Suzy and Owen in particular – has grown and, like Joel, Patrick and Adrian, they are a part of the Walsall FC family. On days such as today, and always, we will remember those that we lost whilst ensuring that we continue to be a source of comfort to those that we left behind." Earlier this year Owen was hon-

oured by the team he loves – being handed the inaugural Pride of Walsall FC Award at a club ceremony. Owen and his mother Suzy launched the 'Smile for Joel' charity earlier this month, which will work with Victim Support to help other families who have experienced traumatic bereavement like they did. Suzy said her son was delighted – and surprised – by the award. Handing over the award, Mr Mole said: "We decided Owen deserved this award for all he's been through in the past 12 months and the strength and courage he's shown."

When dream holiday became a nightmare

JUNE 26, 2015 was a stunning summer day in north Africa. The sun beat down on the beaches, as some tourists swam in the clear waters of the Mediterranean and others relaxed on sunbeds.

For four members of the same Black Country family it was the first day of a dream holiday abroad. Joel Richards, his brother Owen, their uncle Adrian Evans and grandfather Patrick had travelled together to celebrate the end of Joel's second year at the University of Worcester and Owen completing his GCSEs.

They were a close-knit family group whose love for each other was clear to all who met them.

But their dream trip turned into a nightmare less than 24 hours after the quartet touched down in Sousse.

They were among scores of tourists on the beach when a lone IS gunman opened fire on Western guests – killing 38 people, including 30 Britons.

Owen survived. His older brother, uncle and grandad did not. The sparkling beach scene was instantly turned into something altogether different with the actions of a single fanatic.

Dignity

Bodies lay prone among the sunbeds, while bloodstains spread across the sand. Gunman Seifeddine Rezgui's 38 victims were covered with beach towels to preserve their dignity. And swathes of yellow and black tape set up by the Tunisian authorities soon denoted the site for what it was – a murder scene. More than 1,500 miles away, Joel and Owen's mum Suzy and gran Maureen were at home in Wednesbury.

As the devastating details filtered back it is hard to imagine what they must have gone through – particularly Suzy, who flew out to Tunisia as soon as she could to be with her lone surviving son.

In the days after the attack the sense of shock in the com-

By David Cosgrove

munity was palpable. Three respected, upstanding citizens had been unconditionally slaughtered.

Disbelief and sorrow intermingled in the emotions of all those touched by the tragedy, according to Wednesbury North ward Councillor Elaine Costigan, who knew Adrian from his time working at Sandwell Council. She said: "When I first heard what had happened it was unbelievable, I just couldn't take it in. I had spoken to Ade just the day before he flew out."

"To hear the news about him but also then that he had lost his father and his nephew as well was absolutely shocking."

Joel was a 19-year-old football referee, while Mr Evans worked for Sandwell Council. His father, 78-year-old Patrick, lived in Wednesbury, and was Joel's biggest fan – following him around on his refereeing duties.

In the heart-rending days after the massacre, medics told how Owen comforted the injured despite having just witnessed the deaths of three members of his family.

The day after the tragedy he was joined by Suzy and the pair flew back home together. Losing three family members in such horrific fashion has placed a heavy burden on those left behind. But Suzy and Owen in particular have shown remarkable strength in the past year.



Owen, Adrian, Patrick and Joel, seen when Saddlers made it to Wembley last March

Venture keeps Joel's name alive

THE loss of three family members in a single day could have crushed the Richards family. But the strength and willing shown by the pair since that fateful day has been astonishing.

In recent months they have channelled their emotions into a charitable venture that keeps Joel's name alive.

Through Smile for Joel, the family will support other people who have found themselves in a traumatic situation like they did this time last year.

Fundraising schemes have flown in thick and fast since the launch of the charity in April – including the sale of wristbands bearing the charity's name.

The biggest venture on the horizon for the charity is a fun run which takes place

in Sandwell Valley Country Park called Run for Joel. Owen urged people to sign up to help remember his lost loved ones.

He said: "This weekend is going to be a tough weekend for me and my family."

"It would be lovely if everyone could sign up for the Run for Joel as a way of remembering my brother, grandad and uncle."

The run starts at 10am at the country park and has been organised by Smile for Joel in partnership with Sandwell Leisure Trust and Victim Support.

There will be a competitive 5k run or a more relaxed 3k fun run, jog or even a stroll. To register visit <https://www.slt-leisure.co.uk/runforjoel>.

Smile for Joel will work alongside registered charity Victim Support.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bosses not afraid of Brexit future

BOSSES in the Black Country say that it is 'business as usual', after the seismic impact of the Referendum vote for Brexit.

With at least two years of exit negotiations to come before the UK can quit the European Union, businesses big and small are urging action to calm the uncertainty after the vote.

Bank of England governor Mark Carney announced he was making £250 billion available to support markets, as he pledged that the Bank 'will not hesitate to take additional measures as required as markets adjust and the UK economy moves forward'. Martin Bennett, CEO of HomeServe Membership, the household insurance and repairs firm with 1,200 working at its Walsall headquarters, said: "As we have said throughout this process, we are confident that HomeServe Group and our European businesses will continue to thrive."

Green light for Waterfront bid

THE second phase of the multi-million pound project to regenerate Walsall's waterfront has been given the green light.

The new Light Cinema, which opened in March, marked the completion of the scheme's first phase and now Kier Properties has been given permission for the rest. The 0.6 acre site will include two new units accommodating four tenants, with two expected to be a restaurant and bar.

Kier, in a report to the council, said: "The development would help deliver significant regeneration benefits for the local area in terms of physical regeneration of a derelict brownfield site and through creation of new employment opportunities."

Woman trapped in car after crash

A WOMAN was taken to hospital after being trapped in a car following a serious crash in West Bromwich. Emergency crews were called to the accident which involved two cars in Newton Road.

Police in Sandwell said the cars were 'believed to have been racing' before the crash. One woman who was trapped inside a car by her injuries was freed by fire crews. A girl was also treated at the scene.

The accident happened at about 9.30pm on Thursday evening. Police issued a warning to motorists to avoid the area and blocked off access to parts of Newton Road. Paramedics, police and fire crews attended.

Strawberry tea fair

STRAWBERRY season is well and truly here and Coalpool Methodist Church is celebrating with a Strawberry Tea fair this weekend.

The church in Coalpool Lane is hosting the fair on Saturday from 2pm.

There will be homemade cakes, a raffle and a tombola at the event, which is free to attend.

It is being held to raise funds for the church.

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UNWRAPPING his latest acquisition, a neighbour noticed the container carried a particularly stern warning. The plastic bag was not a toy. There was a danger of suffocation. It should be kept away from children. It must be disposed of in accordance with the latest regulations. It contained a chainsaw.

I SUGGESTED a few days ago that "camping holiday" is an oxymoron, a self-contradicting phrase. A recent convert to tent pegs and canvas insists: "I see it as a camping trip, not a camping holiday." She adds: "I took it to like a duck to water." Very apt. Have you checked if your toes are webbed yet?

POOR Cliff Richard. He looks a wreck, tormented and exhausted by the inquiry into false sex-abuse allegations and the alleged collusion between police and the BBC. I wonder if we will ever see him performing again. But quite how to protect people in his position is a huge dilemma. Accusations are made against a celebrity - should the authorities then be expected to impose a news blackout? It is unthinkable and, in this digital age, unworkable. It could also damage justice by preventing other alleged victims coming forward, as they did in droves during the Jimmy Savile case. England has a long tradition of open justice. The downside is that from time to time it will expose innocent men and women to baseless anguish.

A READER accuses me of being out of touch with football. Thank you, sir. Kind-est thing anyone has said for some time.



In truth "out of touch" does not begin to cover my splendid ignorance and utter disdain for the game. I dislike it at every level, from the foul-mouthed dads screaming obscenities from the touchline at under-12 matches to the swaggering, criminally-overpaid thickos of the Premiership. I hate the way it infantilises men, creating hordes of petulant, ignorant, drunken Brit-babies who burst into tears when their team loses just like they did when they were nine, whose only interest and only topic of conversation is football, who can name every England squad member since the 1950s but can't tell you who the Chancellor is, who are permanently locked into the mind-set that England fans are just having a good time while foreign fans are hooligans. So let me tell you this: At least half the population of the UK doesn't give a damn about football, has no idea what the Euros are, finds the whole tournament vaguely embarrassing and couldn't care less who wins or loses. Oh, for goodness' sake, stop blubbing.

MAJOR Tim Peake, just back from six months in the International Space Station, says he would go back "in a heartbeat." And how does Mrs Peake feel about that?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Students promote healthy living

HIGHER education students from Walsall College put their heads together to organise a healthy living promotion event.

The event, aimed at staff and pupils from the college as well as members of the public, including talks about healthy eating, alcohol awareness, blood donation, dental health and more.

A range of free fruit and healthy

food samples as well as activities attracted students and staff from across the college to the stalls, where the health students were on hand to offer advice and guidance on a range of health issues.

Course Leader, Angela Taylor said: "The students have shown great professionalism and initiative in organising this event, from becoming experts on their chosen topics to

researching guidelines for promoting health issues, and even making links with professional organisations to ensure they were able to provide accurate and up to date information.

"Over the two days they spoke to a broad range of people from different walks of life, including fellow staff and students, as well as children from the college's Little Professors Nursery to members of the public.

"They were very compassionate and mindful of the way in which they delivered sometimes sensitive information.

"The students all have aspirations to pursue careers in nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy or similar after going to university, so organising this event was a great insight into the health awareness aspect of industry roles."

Waterfront approval is given for next phase

PLANS for the second phase of Walsall's £12 million waterfront regeneration scheme have been approved by planning chiefs.

Two new buildings, containing a total of four units, will be built which could be used for restaurants, shops, leisure or businesses.

The first phase has seen new restaurants, including the TGI Fridays chain, and a cinema created, bringing new jobs to the borough.

The project has been hailed as a huge success by community and business leaders and has seen a previously run down area of town transformed.

Councillor Lee Jeavons, Walsall Council's deputy leader and portfolio holder for regeneration, said of the new plans being accepted: "The waterfront development is an ongoing success which is attracting a lot of people to the town.

"The development seems to be chugging along quite nicely and I am looking forward to seeing the second phase get underway so this success can continue."

The planning application, which was submitted to Walsall Council back in March and has now been approved, claims work will start later this year.

A statement attached to the application reads: "It is anticipated the proposed construction works will commence late summer/autumn 2016 and will last approximately eight months, with further internal fit out works by the tenants."

The entire scheme is to be completed in 2017.

So far, the waterfront development has offered a huge boost to the town, alongside other regeneration work including the revamp of the Old Square Shopping Centre last summer.

Garden party invites sent out

WALSALL retirees and their families are invited to celebrate the summer in style with a garden party, which is due to take place today, Thursday.

The event, which is free and open to all, will take place at the McCarthy and Stone development, Kilhendre Court.

Guests are invited to pop down to Kilhendre Court, which is situated on Broadway North, between 1pm and 4pm to enjoy fresh strawberries and a glass of Pimms.

Regional sales and marketing director at McCarthy and Stone West Midlands, Robert Monkman, said: "Our summer garden party will be a fantastic way for people to come and see first-hand what a happy and thriving community we have here at Kilhendre Court.

"The informal afternoon will be the perfect opportunity to meet some of our current homeowners who can talk about their experiences of moving here over a delicious glass of Pimms in the sunshine."

Killer Beards will face retrial on rape charge

By Emma Walker

A WOMAN convicted of killing her vulnerable 20-year-old friend in Walsall is set to be brought back to the Black Country to be retried for rape.

Following a month long trial in Leicester, Julie Beards was found guilty of manslaughter after Susan Whiting, who had a learning impairment, was found dead at Beards' bungalow in Heather Close, Bloxwich, last August.

But the jury were undecided on a rape charge against the 36-year-old and were acquitted of reaching a verdict on that count. Since, the Crown Prosecution Service confirmed they want Beards retried on the allegation and have now called for the case to be heard in the Black Country for the sake of the Ms Whiting's family.

Speaking at Leicester Crown Court on Monday, Prosecutor Gareth Evans QC said: "This death occurred in the Black Country, every single witness is from the Black Country and the advocates are from Birmingham. We had to have a 10.30am start to allow people to get from the West Midlands to here. Every day the family travelled which took up to two hours. There is no logical reason why it (the retrial) should be in Leicester."

As it stands High Court Judge Mr Justice Green will preside over the retrial which means it could be scheduled for as late as October but Mr Evans stated the case does not need to be heard by a High Court judge and could be brought forward if another judge overseen the hearing.

Julie Beards' husband Steven Beards, 34, formally of Rowland Avenue, has started a 33-year prison sentence after being found guilty of murdering and raping Ms Whiting.

Miss Whiting lived at Station Street and was a student at Walsall Adult and Community College. Her mother Maureen Whiting had dropped her off at Beards' bungalow on Sunday, August 16. It was the last time she would see her alive.

At the Pointe of setting up home



Bill and Karen Reeves are one of the first couples to move into the complex



Cardan Pointe on the Waterfront

A NEW £5.5 million housing development in Walsall has officially welcomed its first residents.

The WHG retirement living scheme, called Cardan Pointe, is situated on the newly-regenerated Waterfront area in the town centre. The site contains 44 one and two bedroom apartments for the over-55s.

It has communal space, including a kitchen where people can come together to socialise and offers an exciting mix of health, social and leisure activities for customers.

The wellbeing service provides customers with varying levels and types of support including access and signposting to other services, help to get out and about and stay active, advice on bills and assistance with money management.

Bill Reeves, aged 64, moved into one of the apartments with wife Karen, aged 59. He said: "Karen's mother was moving in and asked us to come along and have a look at her new place. We absolutely loved it and decided that it would be an ideal home for us too."

WHG has invested more than £4.4 million into the development, which also received more than £1 million in funding from the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA).

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sew nice to get museum invite

DAB-HANDED embroiderers in Walsall are invited to attend special sessions aimed at revealing some of the town's sewing history.

The 'Sew Vintage' sessions take place on July 2 at Walsall Leather Museum, Littleton Street West, from 10am to 12.30pm and from 1pm to 3.30pm.

The free workshop will reveal how the sewing of 11 tapestries for Walsall is coming along.

For more information, visit: <http://www.walsall.gov.uk/leathermuseum> or call 01922 652288.

Child services funding fears

WALSALL Council faces missing out on government funding because of how poorly its health services for 0-5 year olds is performing, it can be revealed. The borough has one of the worst rates for infant mortality in the country as well as for child poverty.

A report stated: "Failure to deliver demonstrable improvements in Public Health against key national performance indicators may mean that the Council fails to achieve uplifts in Public Health grant allocation from the Department of Health in future years."

M-way delays after accident

MOTORISTS faced delays along motorways in the Black Country following an accident on the M6.

It was reported at around 2.20pm last Monday that one lane was blocked between junction seven of the M6, in Great Barr, and junction eight of the M5, following the crash on the M6 northbound. There were delays from further back at junction six in Birmingham. Police said a crash took place between junction eight and nine of the M6 around 1.38pm.

Just ticket for day of music at beauty spot

TICKETS are still available for Walsall's annual Bands on the Beacon festival, set to be held on July 3 at Barr Beacon from 12.30-6pm.

This year some of the bands that have already signed-up to perform on the big day include, Hidden Skies, Sunday 44, Pleasure House and Dinky. Tickets cost £5 for adults, £2 for children and under 5's get in for free. For more details or to buy your tickets in advance visit: https://cms.walsall.gov.uk/bands_on_the_beacon

Roadworks blow

MOTORISTS and residents in a Walsall neighbourhood facing a long series of roadworks were hit with another blow after a water pipe burst. It happened at the junction of Cornwall Gate and Lucknow Road in Short Heath, last Wednesday, sending water into the road.

Prostitute stole from client with disabilities

A PROSTITUTE burgled and stole from a vulnerable client with learning disabilities in order to fuel her heroin addiction, a court heard.

The male client became infatuated with mother-of-three Toni Shepherd after paying her for sex on several occasions, prosecutor Mr Phillip Brunt told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Shepherd, aged 24, took advantage of that and on two occasions burgled his home with male aides taking valuable items which included his prized Xbox and 50-inch television.

On two separate dates she personally nabbed the victim's iPhone which he had to replace three times as a result of her criminality.

Shepherd, of Dorset Road, Darlaston, was given a 30 month jail term at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Monday having admitted two counts of burglary and two of theft.

Judge Amjad Nawaz, said to Shepherd: "You befriended this man and you must have quickly spotted he was ripe for the taking. You stole his property on a number of occasions and you did that because you were a drug addict and you needed to fuel your addiction."

The client, who has a learning disability and dyslexia, began having sex with Shepherd in December.

Mr Brunt said the victim called her his girlfriend and believed himself to be in a relationship with her.

She first capitalised on the situation by taking two men to his home and demanded his Xbox, which the court heard he spent a lot of time playing.

Grass cutting U-turn uproar

A WALSALL councillor has hit out at the previous leaders of the authority over their decision to make a U-turn over cuts to a grass cutting service.

A fortnightly grass-cutting service which was axed to help Walsall Council save £43,000 a year back in 2015 was soon reinstated after complaints.

However, the previous administration at the council have been slammed by Willenhall councillor Ian Shires, who believes the new Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders are 'paying the price' for the service being reinstated without enough funding.

He said: "The Tories may have done the popular thing by re-instating the grass cutting on the 26 sites axed by Labour but they expected the extra work to be it to be carried out by a much reduced workforce."

"They expected the much depleted clean and green teams to continuing cutting grass as if nothing had happened. It would appear that we are now paying the price for their actions as the west of the borough has been looking decidedly neglected as far as the grassed areas were concerned."

"The new coalition is exploring ways of engaging with residents across the borough in deciding how best to spend the money allocated."

Doorstop vase may fetch up to £1m



The vase with auctioneer Charles Hanson

A VASE used as a doorstep in a Black Country home could fetch a staggering £1 million at auction. The antique has since been found to be a Chinese artefact from the 18th century.

The rare blue and white vase was discovered propping a door open in a home and has been described as 'the find of a lifetime' by auctioneers. But the address of the owner will remain a secret until the artefact is sold on July 1.

The vase was unearthed by Hansons Associate Director, Mr Adrian Rathbone. "On examining it", com-

mented Mr Rathbone, "I was quite surprised at how big it was at 66cm high. Painted in blue I was particularly mesmerised by the character mark on the base of the vase."

After a careful period of assessment by the auctioneers, a guide price for the vase has been set at £300,000 - £500,000. "It is the dream of a find for auctioneers," said Charles Hanson, of Hansons's Auctioneers.

He said: "It was owned by a great aunt Flossie who acquired it in Cornwall in the 1920s, and the couple who now own it used it as a doorstep."

They have a grandchild who remarkably didn't damage it at all. It's the find of a lifetime, it really is, and has the chance of topping £1 million, if a battle between the Far Eastern heavyweight collectors takes off."

The vase is to be sold in Hansons Summer Fine Art Auction on July 1 and can be viewed at Hansons Auctioneers on Heage Lane in Etwell Derby. For further details contact Charles Hanson on 01283733988 or email Charleshanson@hansonsauctioneers.co.uk; view www.hansonsauctioneers.co.uk for further advice.

Derelict pubs plea as arson attacks continue

COUNCILLORS in Walsall are calling for the problem of derelict pub sites in the borough to be addressed after a spate of arson attacks.

Both the former Boat Pub in Darlaston and the Old Bush Inn in Pelsall have been attacked multiple times.

The Old Bush Inn, which was once mooted as being made a listed building, was targeted.

The first fire, on Friday June 17, left 'extensive smoke damage' while the second, on the next day, Saturday 18, led to firefighters blasting the 'senseless' arsonists for 'diverting emergency resources from real emergencies'.

Pelsall Councillor Marco Longhi said he would like to see the former return as a pub or a planning application put in to rejuvenate it.

He said: "Very distressing, not just for me but distressing for Pelsall people - especially those who live immediately in the vicinity. This is in the hand of the owner - the council, the fire service, the police can't just wave their wand, it really is up to the land owner to do something about it."

Unfortunate

"My thoughts are either return it to a pub or put in a planning application, don't just leave it derelict. It would be a shame to demolish it."

"There is an unfortunate trend that a number of buildings that have shut down for a couple of years are being targeted. I wouldn't like to question what those motives are."

"I do have to stress this point, it is up to the land owner and not down to the council."

The two attacks on the Old Bush Inn come after the former Boat Pub in Darlaston was targeted four times in two weeks.

It led to calls for the pub to be flattened by Councillor Angela Underhill, while Andy Minor, the watch commander at Willenhall fire station, said the arsonists were 'putting lives in danger' with firefighters' time being taken up with the derelict site and not with other potentially fatal emergencies.

Councillor Mike Bird, the former leader of Walsall council, described the attacks on the pubs as 'very sad'. He added: "All pubs wherever they are, if they are derelict they are a target for arsonists and squatters. These two go hand in hand and are part of the same clique."

"I will be talking privately to the land owner to see if we can do something. It is very sad but people are no longer using the pubs like they used to."

Sales of fragrance to help heroes



Afghanistan war veteran Clive Smith promotes the new Help For Heroes fragrance, which he helped create

A WAR veteran made a special appearance at The Perfume Shop in the Bullring centre to promote the fragrance XTREME for Men.

Sapper Clive Smith, aged 30, originally from Hedgesford, is an Invictus Games athlete who now lives in Walsall. He lost both of his legs while on tour in Afghanistan in 2010 after stepping on an improvised explosive device. He is now an ambassador for the charity and has been helping

to launch the new fragrance. He said: "XTREME for Men has been launched to help raise more money for Help for Heroes."

"The Band of Brothers network within Help for Heroes approached members to work on developing the fragrance, and after I applied I was chosen to work on it. After getting injured I got involved with the charity straight away. They gave me support and helped with my rehabil-

itation. They supported me with my injuries and I wanted to give back to charity."

Mr Smith has worked on all aspects of the new fragrance, from choosing the secret ingredients to designing the packaging. The fragrance costs £29.99 with £6 from each sale going to Help for Heroes.

Mr Smith said he was greeted warmly by shoppers, with one declaring: "I am so grateful for what you did for our country."

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Kicking off with silly squabbles after vote

IT WAS a dreadful night for both the nation and the wider European project. The result was a travesty and we are under no obligation to accept the result. England fans demand a replay.

AS FOR that other stuff, please can everybody just calm down.

For all the bile that has been spouted on social media over the past few days, you would have thought there had been some sort of declaration of martial law, rather than a democratic vote to leave a customs union.

We always knew the poll was going to be close, and one side or the other would be disappointed.

But the amount of personal venom which has been expressed in the aftermath of the Brexit vote is ridiculous.

We've had people saying they are ashamed to be British, questioning whether the other lot are intelligent enough to vote, and saddest of all, people declaring that they can no longer be friends with those who voted the other way.

It really is time for us all to grow up.

Now when it comes to taking the rise out of politicians, I'm as up for it as the next man.

But at the same time, we should also be extremely grateful for the fact that we live in a democracy where people are free to hold their own views and vote how they like.

Suppose, for example, Zimbabwe held a referendum on whether or not to remain a member of the African Union.

Do you think Mugabe would allow a result he didn't like? And meekly resign when it didn't go his way? Exactly.

At least nobody who defied the Government last week ended up with a visit from the secret police.

But democracy is like football, and there is no game without the other team.

People may not agree with their political opponents, but they should at least have the maturity to respect and cherish them, and be grateful that they are there.

No opposition means no democracy.

BLACK Lace singer Dene Michael is now Agado-ing a six-month stretch behind bars after being caught fiddling disability benefits.

It seems the man responsible for one of the most hateful pop songs of all time had told the Department for Work and Pensions he was housebound, when he was really out on tour pushing pineapples up the tree.

How dim are these people?

Look, if you're going to fiddle your benefits, at least choose a low-profile job.

Still it confirms what a lot of us suspected for many years.

That man really does have a criminal record.



On song – Katie Ashley at Armed Forces Day at Himley Hall



Pause for reflection at the war memorial in Cannock



Paying tribute at the Armed Forces Day at Himley Hall

Armed Forces Day hits a new height

Pulling out all the stops around the region to honour our brave British servicemen, as RICHARD GUTTRIDGE reports

PROCESSIONS, flypasts and an orchestral performance – the Black Country and Staffordshire pulled out all the stops to honour British servicemen on Armed Forces Day.

Commemorative events took place across the region over the weekend in recognition of the bravery and sacrifice of serving troops, veterans and cadets.

Crowds who flocked to Himley Hall and Park saw a Spitfire take to the skies, while a Hurricane flew overhead at the RAF Museum at Cosford. The flypasts were part of a weekend filled with performances and entertainment.

Hundreds of people came out for a parade through Wolverhampton city centre, which featured members of regular, reserve, veteran and cadet forces. The parade was led by a brass band and members of the forces were applauded as they passed people lining the streets.

Impressed

The procession started in Wulfruna Street and continued down Lichfield Street towards St Peter's Church where a short service was held, with Mayor of Wolverhampton Barry Findlay leading the tributes.

The event ended with a drumhead service on the church steps – the traditional form for a religious service attended by troops in the field. The parade took place in blazing sunshine and the sudden downpour which followed during the service failed to dampen the spirits.

David Tranter, aged 72, from Willenhall, a former member of the Royal Military Police, was among veterans who turned out for the service.

He said: "It is important to say thank you. People need to be aware of the tasks we carry



All kitted out – Don Higham and John Vaughan, with a 1943 Harley Davidson

out that are asked of us as a result of decisions made by politicians.

"It was very good, and there was as good a turnout as the last one I came to. You find in Wolverhampton, there is always a good turnout for these things."

Councillor Findlay said he was impressed by this year's turnout and stressed the importance of such events.

He said: "It's really important. Every night we go to sleep our armed forces are out there protecting us and keeping us all safe and it's a

good opportunity to thank them for their hard work.

"There was a good turnout. The weather wasn't particularly great, there was a big shower but not one person turned away."

Similar events were held in Sandwell and Cannock on Saturday.

A parade in Oldbury ran from the Low Town car park to the council house while in Cannock, a procession marched to the war memorial where poppy wreaths were laid at the war memorial.

Visitors to Cosford enjoyed a performance from the The Glebe Symphonic Winds Orchestra, which held an hour-long concert for an audience which included service personnel and veterans.

They were treated to classical pieces from Edward Elgar and Gustav Holst, mixed up with more modern music from Elton John and David Bowie.

There were also special performances at Himley Hall, where singing trio the D-Day Darlings performed some of the most popular songs of the wartime era.

There was a touching tribute to ex-service personnel in attendance as they were honoured during a special veteran's badge presentation. Hundreds flocked to the park, where a funfair kept children entertained. Military vehicles and an army helicopter were also in the grounds as visitors got the chance to speak to service personnel about their roles.

Veteran Arthur Hilton, 81, from Wordsley, who was awarded the George Cross for bravery in 1953, said: "I love it, I come every year."

"It's a great day and good that people come out for the armed forces. It is getting bigger and bigger every year."

Medal

Sean Donaghey, from Telford, was attending the event to see his son-in-law, who serves in the territorial army, receive a medal.

He said: "It's important that people come out to support the armed forces. It's a good day out and gives people the chance to see what they actually do."

Civil war re-enactors also put on a demonstration for the crowds while there was also a tribute to the Queen to mark her 90th birthday and becoming the longest serving monarch.

The RAF Cosford Voluntary Band performed the spectacular Beating Retreat finale following the flypast by the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Team.

Various other events took place across the West Midlands to mark Armed Forces Day.

The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire hosted a special day of activities on Saturday which included an annual service of thanks.

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Children are facing road dangers

NOW that Labour have control of Walsall Council I hope now they will do something about the dangerous road conditions that children attending Shire Oak School have to face.

Children coming from Brownhills have to cross Chester Road or if they use the crossing by the new flats they then have to cross Lyndon Road, there is no-one to cross them. After the tragedy on Chester Road, I would have thought something would have been done like reinstating a crossing warden.

Children coming from Walsall Wood end

have wardens crossing Lichfield Road but nobody to watch them cross Lyndon Road or Salters Road. Both ways to school are very dangerous. I am writing this letter because of the new high visibility crossing that's been done for the new Oak Park Centre.

The one in Lyndon Road is ideal for Walsall Wood School but the one in Coppice Road seems a sheer waste as most people using the centre will be in cars. Surely a kid's life is more important than money.

J PARKINSON
Brownhills

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37 is a lucky number in Darlo. National Express have registered a new No.37 route which will bring loud cheers of delight from people from Bentley, Darlaston and The Green areas of our town.

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CLLR DOUG JAMES
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Unless readers know different?

J VERNON
Willenhall

Media to win in the US

SO, the US presidential elections loom.

It's Clinton versus Trump, the feminists versus the male chauvinist pigs.

Men versus women. What a punch-up.

A contest to beat all contests.

A boxing promoter would give his eye teeth for this one.

A good time will be had by all. And who will be the winner? The American media.

C J DRURY
Walsall

Cupcake day is a success

I'D like to thank everyone in the Black Country who supported our first ever National Cupcake Day (June 16) to raise funds to help defeat dementia.

Whether you rolled up your sleeves and held a cupcake sale or simply indulged in a tasty treat, everything you did will help Alzheimer's Society find a cure for dementia, fund vital services and campaign for the rights of people with dementia.

There are just over 6,500 people with dementia in Wolverhampton and Walsall and we rely on donations to continue our vital work. It's not too late to get involved - visit cupcakeday.org.uk to find out how you can join our cupcake crusade.

LEE ALLEN

Alzheimer's Society Services Manager for Walsall and Wolverhampton

Protection for whom?

PETER Rhodes' article on the 13th regarding data protection is very true.

I advertised to buy some car parts for a classic car. I had a reply, the man seemed very genuine and we agreed to buy the whole scrap car. Payment was made through Nationwide Building Society, and his bank details were given to me. Went to collect car; phoney address.

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Police Action Fraud are now dealing with this matter, still awaiting news. Villains win, innocents punished.

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Life-saving mother and daughter up for award

"I SAT down next to him and said 'think of your kids, they will grow up without a dad, and think of me, I'll have to watch you jump."

"I'll have to live with that."
A heroic mother and daughter who saved a man's life after he threatened to jump from a motorway bridge have spoken after being nominated for an Outstanding Citizens award.

Becki Peach and Hannah Matthews from Willenhall spotted the man hanging over the M6 bridge in Bentley Lane, Walsall, during a cold and wet night on December 2 last year.

Becki, a 46-year-old retired mental health nurse, and 21-year-old Hannah were returning from a shopping trip when they spotted the vulnerable man at 6.40pm.

They pulled over immediately and stayed with him for the next three hours, offering him comfort and advice and acting as link between him and the police.

Enough

The motorway was closed off for the duration of the incident and the man refused to negotiate with anyone but Becki and Hannah.

The pair have been nominated for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Outstanding Citizens award.

Miss Peach said: "His first words to me were 'why have you stopped?' and I replied 'it's the kind of person I am - I can't just leave you here can I?'"

"He turned to me and said 'I've just had enough' and we started to have a chat. Meanwhile, Hannah made contact with the police and then phoned my mobile from the cordon - she was the link between us and the police as he was very agitated whenever a police officer came near."

"It was raining, freezing cold and I needed my medication but I couldn't leave him. We had a laugh and joke at times and I built up his trust."



Becki Peach and Hannah Matthews, in line for a citizen's award

The ordeal came to an end when Becki managed to get the man to leave the bridge and he was taken to hospital. Becki added: "Why did I stop that night? Because that's the sort of person I am."

"I can't bear to see anyone hurt. I'm a retired mental health nurse from Bloxwich Hospital so obviously my background helped - I had more knowledge to deal with the situation - but I'm still proud that I sat and helped someone."

"I am so proud of Hannah too. We worked as a little team. I was gobsmacked when I heard of the

nomination for the Commissioner's Outstanding Citizens award.

"Things like this don't happen to people like us, they only happen to the Beckhams."

The winners of the Outstanding Citizens awards will be announced at the ceremony on July 13 at The Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "What Becki and Hannah did was a truly selfless and admirable act and I was so impressed with their nomination, they were an instant addition to the shortlist. Good luck to them both."

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Author Julian Roderick with copies of his first book which has become a Kindle top seller

A TEACHER has stunned his family and friends by writing a chart-topping novel at his first attempt. Felix Jones and The Book of Words has given 46-year-old Julian Roderick, of Walsall, the perfect start to his literary career, becoming the best-selling Kindle book for the month of May.

More than 1500 readers have already downloaded the book, with a number of satisfied readers taking to Amazon to give it a five star rating.

Julian, who teaches Geography at Queen Mary's High School for Girls in Walsall, admits he's been thrilled with the reaction from his pupils and fellow teachers. He said: "I've had lots of positive feedback. The Head of English at Thorns Community College said it was a mix of James Bond, Harry Potter and Horrible Histories.

"The reviews show that adults are buying it for their children or grandchildren and enjoying it as much if not more than the children."

It tells the story of a 13-year-old boy who goes to school one day and ends up on the D-Day beaches of Normandy with his best friend Tom.

Lecturers on picket lines over pay issues

LECTURERS at two university campuses formed picket lines to protest against low pay and short term contracts.

Members of the University and College Union (UCU) at Wolverhampton and Walsall sites of the University of Wolverhampton took to the streets for the third time in a year.

They were demanding better pay, more equality between male and female staff and a reduction in short term contracts.

Staff were forming picket lines at the Wulfruna Street and Gorway Road campuses on Wednesday morning, a time which would usually be spent working on exam boards, deciding final grade classifications for students.

UCU Walsall branch secretary Ben Andrews said: "We chose this day because staff should be working with the exam boards for what is an important job. This may result in a delay in students getting their degrees but we need to show how vital the work we do is."

Lecturers have previously been offered a 1.1 per cent pay rise but Mr Andrews says they are looking to get a five per cent increase, arguing that universities could afford to pay more after the pay and benefits of university leaders went up by 5.1 per cent last year.

By Jordan Harris

The union is also beginning preparations for a boycott of the setting and marking of students' work to begin in the autumn.

Mr Andrews said: "When you take inflation into account, a 1.1 per cent pay rise isn't really a rise at all. In light of the five per cent pay rise vice-chancellors have enjoyed, we feel we deserve more. Short term contracts are also part of the problem.

"They are robbing students of the learning experience they deserve and are paying good money for. Mr Andrews says staff believe they will get the increase they feel they deserve.

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Parents angry at baby Kyle's diagnosis delay

A MOTHER has lodged a complaint with the NHS Trust which runs Walsall Manor Hospital, claiming staff 'neglected' her son while he was in their care.

Sarah Powell, of Cannock, believes doctors did not do enough to help her son Kyle as he battled with pyloric stenosis at the age of just one week.

The condition results in eating problems among young babies. Kyle was in hospital for a fortnight, during which time Mrs Powell says she had 'no help'. Mrs Powell said a doctor eventually saw Kyle and diagnosed his condition in 30 minutes.

He was then moved to Birmingham Children's Hospital, where he was nursed back to health. However, Mrs Powell has lodged a complaint with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust and says she wants to 'stop anyone else from having to go through this'.

Deteriorate

She said: "I will not just accept an apology because I believe the way me and my son were treated was appalling. It took one doctor 30 minutes to see what was wrong with him and I owe that doctor my son's life. But what about the other two weeks when we were sat there, not getting the help we needed? I watched my son deteriorate in front of me and that is not right. He lost all of his weight and I genuinely thought I was going to lose him."

Kyle was born five weeks premature but despite that he had been adjusting to life at home well until the first signs of his pyloric stenosis came to the surface. As he began having trouble taking down liquids, his mother took him to the hospital. She said: "I think



Baby Kyle Powell with her father Carl, aged 31 and mother Sarah, 32

they neglected him at the hospital and I don't want anyone else to go through what I had to go through.

"I am not sure how far I can get with my complaint and it certainly can't undo what happened but I want people to be aware of what can happen."

"I felt like I had to fight to get the proper care for my son, who was just one week old and needed help."

She complained in April but has so far only received an acknowledgement

letter. Rachel Overfield, director of nursing at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "We are aware of the formal complaint by Ms Powell and are currently investigating and compiling a response. We cannot comment on individual cases due to patient confidentiality, however, we have endeavoured to keep Ms Powell updated with the progress throughout. We are sorry that Ms Powell feels that there has been an unnecessary delay."

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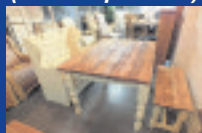


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Child cruelty and neglect cases increase by 66pc

THE number of child cruelty and neglect cases recorded by West Midlands Police has soared by 66 per cent in three years, new figures have revealed.

The NSPCC's annual child protection review - How Safe Are Our Children? - shows parents or carers were reported in connection with 2,147 of offences in 2014-15, compared to 1,293 in 2012-13.

Across England, the total rose by 40 per cent, from 6,069 in 2012-13 to 8,506 in 2014-15. The huge increase in cases is reflected in the number of calls made to the NSPCC helpline - over 16,000 - about children suffering neglect.

Adults called with fears about children who were starving and dirty, young people who lived in rat-infested homes, while other contacts reported parents who were drunk or left their children to fend for themselves.

Neglect is a feature in six out of 10 Serious Case Reviews, which are undertaken when a child dies or is seriously injured and abuse is believed to have been a factor. It is the most common reason for a child to be on a child protection plan in England.

Depression

Sandra McNair, NSPCC West Midlands Head of Service, said: "Neglect is the most common form of abuse in the UK and can seriously harm a child's brain development, emotional well-being, ability to form relationships, and mental health. These children are more likely to suffer from depression and post-traumatic disorder, and even suicidal thoughts."

"These levels of neglect simply do not belong to the 21st century. Many of these lonely, frightened, children have to resort to desperate measures to survive after being left to fend for themselves and it shames our nation that these numbers are so high."

It's unclear why the figures have risen so dramatically, but greater public awareness and improvements in how police record offences could be factors. The NSPCC is running a campaign - It's Time - which is calling for all child victims of abuse to be given timely, appropriate therapy.

Town's veterans honoured



Councillor Marco Longhi during the ceremony for Armed Forces Day

WALSALL veterans were honoured during a ceremony to mark Armed Forces Day.

The ceremony, organised by Walsall Council, saw a flag raised at the borough's council house while a bugler played the Last Post.

Councillor Marco Longhi, Deputy Mayor of Walsall hosted this year's event and later, in a private ceremony - also awarded four former servicemen with their national 'Veterans Badge.'

Two of the badge holders had seen active service in France and Belgium during World War Two.

Walsall deputy mayor, Councillor Marco Longhi said: "Armed Forces Day is an opportunity to thank our serving and former personnel for their hard work and dedication, and to commemorate the sacrifices

they make to keep us all safe. It was an honour for me to present four of the Borough's veterans with their badges.

"It is also important to remember our long and continuing association with the military in the Black Country too."

"Many Walsall people have connections to the Staffordshire regiments and the Royal Air Force too."

"The borough also has a history of munitions and leather manufacturing which was vital to the war effort during World War Two and I was particularly proud to be standing with soldiers who fought to liberate France and Belgium at a vital juncture in our national history."

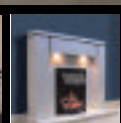
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Three wees in one day caught on CCTV site



One of the public urinators, caught on camera

THREE jobs have been snared in one day as the infamous Twitter account Urine Watch continues to shame public urinators in Walsall.

It comes as the man behind the account, Chris Norton, insisted that with help from the police the problem is dying down in the day. However he insisted that the night time still poses a problem.

He said: "It is not so much during the day. The past few weeks it has just been at night time. It has quieted down during the day definitely."

"Over the weekends there have been quite a few but it is just drinking at night time."

Asked about if the police were making a difference, Mr Norton added: "I think so. They have been around a few times recently. The council are keeping on top of it too, they are looking at getting some kind of ASBO order put in for the site."

Commenting on whether the decreasing number of public urinators in the day spelled a brighter future for the site, Mr Norton said: "I hope so, I am hoping things will continue to improve."

Mr Norton, who runs

By Jack Avery

Norton Podiatry next door, set up the account as he grew increasingly frustrated at the amount of public urination taking place.

Urine Watch has been shaming yobs for a couple of months now.

It posts CCTV camera of yobs urinating in a car park of the former M Latif and Sons branch in Bradford Street.

Its past victims includes a National Express bus driver.

Tweeting recently, a caption under the picture above read: "Three in one day for summer #walsalwee".

Other images shared on the day included two women making use of the spot and a man having a nap in front of the now infamous 'Welcome' sign.

Cuts in teaching provision leads to axe for tutors

THREE tutors have been made redundant from the Rathbone Centre in Walsall due to cuts in its teaching provision.

The education provider supports struggling 16 to 18-year-olds in the borough who are finding it hard to gain work or further education placements due to a lack of school grades or troubling circumstances.

It was understood that the centre is reducing its provision from two dedicated English tutors and two dedicated maths tutors - down to two people who would instead cover both subjects.

A spokesperson for Rathbone Training said: "As a charitable organisation we regularly review the way

we deliver our training and support taking into account feedback from colleagues, learners and stakeholders to ensure we offer the best possible service.

"A new model around the delivery of functional skills has been developed in line with best practice, giving our young people a more flexible and enhanced service which offers one to one support, group learning and links to vocational training - all of which will help them take their next step into employment.

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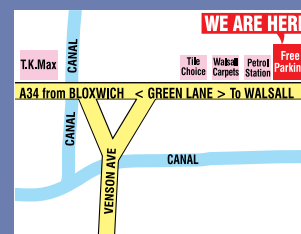
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Jail sentence for man who punched ex at cashpoint

A MAN with a long criminal record who struck his ex-partner so hard she had to spend a night in hospital has been jailed for three and a half years

David Edie, of Camden Street, Calmore, attacked the woman in broad daylight on March 26 just after she had taken out £90 from a cashpoint for her daughter.

He approached and shouted at her, telling him to give him the money she had just withdrawn. In an attempt to force her to do so he threw her up against a fence and he punched her in the face once.

Edie struck the woman - with whom he has a daughter - with such force her mouth started to bleed and she had to go to hospital after the attack. She lost three teeth.

When arrested and questioned by police, Edie, who is 41, admitted that he and the victim had spoken but claimed he had

helped her when she had a 'fainting fit', Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Defending Edie, Christopher Loach said him admitting a charge of attempted robbery at a plea and case management hearing last Tuesday was 'some reflection of him trying to do the right thing'.

He added that Edie had not carried out a repeated attack since he had only hit the victim once. But Judge Kristina Montgomery QC told Mr Loach she found that a 'difficult submission to accept when [the victim] was help up against a fence' just before she was punched.

The woman told police she is far more self-conscious than before the attack and is scared of meeting Edie again.

Edie had appeared in court 33 times and been convicted for 60 offences before, the earliest dating back to 1992. He will be unable to make any contact with the woman he assaulted for the next five years, under the conditions of a restraining order.

Pupils focus on building site safety



Right, Cameron's sales and marketing manager Danielle Goffe-Wood, with executive head Paul Lovern and pupils

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Baby died after tube removed in hospital

A FOUR-DAY-OLD baby died by way of ‘gross failure in medical care’ after he developed a brain injury due to difficulties inserting a ventilation tube, an inquest heard.

Tommi-Ray Vigrass was born prematurely by emergency Caesarean at Walsall Manor Hospital on January 9. Weighing just over a kilogramme Tommi was born with respiration problems and needed ventilation support.

However, Black Country Coroners Court heard how an experienced registrar decided to remove the tube without speaking to other consultants. He did this after a leak occurred on the ventilation machine, inserting a larger tube. Baby Tommi was transferred to New Cross Hospital on January 10 before passing away three days later.

The cause of death given was hypoxic brain injury due to inserting the tube.

Senior Coroner Zafar Siddique concluded a verdict of neglect on the Trust’s part.

Speaking at the second day of the inquest last Thursday, Mr Siddique said: “On January 9 baby Tommi was born at Walsall Manor Hospital and needed ventilation support. Throughout the night there was a leak on the ventilation machine and the registrar took the decision to re-intubate without taking further consultation.

“Following several attempts on inserting the tube resulting in oxygen declining rapidly before being transferred to New Cross Hospital, the doctor had admitted in his statement that it was a ‘mistake’ to remove the tube overnight before speaking to a senior consultant.

“Taken as a whole this was a gross failure in medical care. I believe that baby Tommi died due to developing the injuries due to difficulty in inserting the tube and this is neglect. I understand that the Trust has taken measures following the incident but I will also be writing to them myself.

“I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family for such a terrible time.”

Throughout the inquest statements and evidence was given by Trust doctors and nurses. A number of concerns were raised

By Clare Butler

by Trust representatives including the individual failure in clinical decision making by the registrar.

Distraught mother-of-four, Cheryl Frankham, aged 32, from Catches Drive, Bloxwich, said it had left her completely heart-broken.

The full time mother said she had three daughters aged three, five and seven and a 14-year-old son, and they couldn’t wait to welcome baby Tommi into the world along with her partner Gareth Vigrass.

Miss Frankham explained: “If I had to leave with an accidental death verdict then I wouldn’t have been able to live with it.

“The neglect verdict tells me that what they did was wrong and that they know it. The coroner has been very switched on and knew what was right.

“There is slight relief at the outcome but it still doesn’t take away what has happened. My young children don’t understand, I went to the hospital the other day and my three-year-old asked what I was crying for. It is absolutely heart-breaking.”

Rachel Overfield, director of nursing at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: “Firstly, and most importantly, we would like to extend our sympathies to Tommi-Ray’s family and apologise once again that our care in this case was not of the standard that our patients and their families expect and deserve.

“The trust’s thorough investigation into the decisions made and actions taken that evening identified a number of issues over the standard of care that Tommi-Ray received. “We will respond to the coroner’s observations.”

Donations top 150 for food to help families

MORE than 150 food items have been donated by customers at a supermarket to help families in need in the Black Country.

The Midlands Counties Co-operative took part in a food collection drive to encourage communities to collect for local food banks.

A total of 156 items were given to families in Sedgley.

The scheme is part of The Midlands Counties Co-operative’s commitment to Responsible Business Week, an annual campaign to inspire more businesses to create a positive change in society.

Simon Hartland, leader-

ship team ambassador for Sedgley at The Midlands Counties Co-operative, said: “Supporting our local communities is at the heart of everything we do as a society, and so to collect 156 products, with the support of members, colleagues and customers, for local families is something we are incredibly proud of.

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Now Dexys indeed do Irish and soul

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

MORE than 30 years after he first had the idea, Kevin Rowland has finally recorded his 'Irish' album.

Backed by the barebone 21st century Dexys, the former Brummie hairdresser also injects a fair bit of soul into the portentously entitled **Let The Record Show: Dexys Do Irish and Country Soul**. It remains more influenced by Van Morrison than the folk music of his Emerald Isle ancestors and enjoyment depends entirely on your stance over the impassioned, highly distinctive Rowland whoops and warbles.

Lovely opener *Women Of Ireland*, highlighting the violin of Come On Eileen fiddler (and former Birmingham Conservatoire student) Helen O'Hara, sets the Celtic tone. It continues with *Curragh of Kildare*, Carrickfergus, 40 Shades of Green and Irish pub favourite *I'll Take You Home Again*, Kathleen.

I think old time Dexys fans will prefer versions of *The Bee Gees' To Love Somebody* and *Rod Stewart's You Wear It Well*, and the soulful retro pop of *Grazing In The Grass*. The Marmite track, for Rowland devotees only, is his showboating performance of *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes*.

Wolverhampton's **Beverley Knight** confirms her status as the UK's Queen of Soul on her back-to-basics album **Soulsville**, including a neat cover of Private Number with Jamie Cullum and a potent version of Ann Peebles classic *I Can't Stand The Rain*. She also teams up with Sam Moore (from soul legends Sam and Dave) for a version of *Hold On I'm Coming*, after taking on blues standard *Hound Dog* and winning with the assistance of Jools Holland.



Kevin Rowland, centre, explores his Irish roots on the new Dexys album

It can be argued that French synth duo **Air** peaked too early, that the output since their ultra-cool debut album *Moon Safari* has failed to live up to its retro yet also futuristic sound. Whilst *Moon Safari* does provide the stand-out tracks on **twentyyears**, their 31-track double CD retrospective, there is lots more to enjoy, such as the crunchy *Don't Be Light* and the lovely mood music of *Alone* in Kyoto.

Former Prince associate **Xavier**, now operating under the moniker **Fantastic Negrito**, brings the blues kicking and screaming into the 21st century on his impressive and hard-hitting album **The Last Days Of Oakland**.

Hip hop collides with the blues, sharing a cry of rage, whilst he also offers a brilliant version of folk song *In The Pines* (also known as *Where Did You Sleep Last Night?*), previously recorded by Lead Belly and Nirvana.

One of the best live bands around, **Augustines**, charge out of the gate firing on all cylinders on their third album **This Is Your Life**. Singer Billy McCarthy's heart-on-his-sleeve style and his band's rollicking ramshackle rock

'n' roll potency, which makes the New Yorkers such an exciting prospect on stage, transfers to the album right from the off with lead single *Are We Alive?* The songs are big, beefy and honest.

They are due to play the Rainbow Warehouse in Digbeth on October 20. Piano, percussion and sax trio **Mam-mal Hands** present a brilliant set of cool modern accessible jazz on their second album **Floa**.

There are a clutch of fine new albums from distinctive singer-songwriters from the indie alt-rock scene, proving that there is lots of creativity and integrity worth exploring beyond the commercial behemoth Ed Sheeran.

Recommended listens include: **Waltzed In From The Rumbling**, the analogue crafted fourth album from Canadian outfit **Plants And Animals** fronted by Warren Spicer; meditations on loss of innocence from County Antrim's **Ciaran Lavery** on his second album **Let Bad In**; beautiful and uplifting songs from Danish singer-songwriter **Søren Juul**, formerly known as Indians, on his 4AD album **This Moment**.

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Hilda in Oklahoma, 1965



With daughter Kay Woodhouse



The family, 2002, in Meet Me in St Louis



Hilda at the Old Vic pub with husband Jack



Her grandad, Solomon Dunn



Hilda with her sewing machine

Stitch in time for Hilda's half century on the stage

AFTER stitching and sewing thousands of costumes for the last 50 years Hilda Faulkner still remains at the heart of Cradley Heath Operatic Society.

Mrs Faulkner, aged 83, from Surfeit Hill Road, first got involved with the theatre society in 1965 after hearing about a show through a co-worker.

Little did she know that decades on she would be looking back on an illustrious amateur acting career having starred as the lead in numerous shows, while also making her name as the wardrobe mistress.

"It has been a labour of love," she laughed. "I first got involved when I was working in tailoring in Old Hill and the foreman was a member of another operatic society but his brother was part of the Cradley Heath one so I was invited along. I was 33 years old at the time. I initially started playing parts in the chorus and then eventually became lead."

Over the years Mrs Faulkner has

MEMORY LANE

Report by Clare Butler

taken part in shows ranging from Showboat, The King & I, Oklahoma and Carousel, taking on older parts as the decades passed. In 1979 she played the lead, Julie LaVerne, in Showboat, wearing a purple velvet dress with matching hat. Then, in 1995, she played Queenie, the hardworking ship's cook, in the same show.

"It was about 10 years after I started I got involved with the costumes. And because I worked in tailoring I became wardrobe mistress," said Mrs Faulkner.

"My forte is men's clothing. I used to make my husband's suits and when we got married, for the wedding, I made both my mother and father's suits, my husband's and the two small bridesmaids' dresses. For the operatic society, we hire in costumes for the big shows but I worked with the costumer to make them fit. You can imagine, with people coming in all shapes and sizes, the costumes would need alter-

ing. I couldn't cut them because they had to go back.

"Whenever anybody asks what my favourite one to make has been I can't say because they have all been special and unique in their own way. I loved playing Julie in Showboat." Mrs Faulkner has also been chair of the society for around 28 years. It even became a family affair too her daughter, Kay Woodhouse, became secretary. Her two granddaughters are also both involved with Sally Gage, 36, becoming a choreographer and director, and Liz Compton, 32, a leading actress.

"Looking back over 50 years has brought some wonderful moments and lots of friends."

The group, formed in 1908 as Cradley Heath, Old Hill and District Amateur Operatic Society, changed its name in 1964 after moving to the Civic Hall in Brierley Hill.

*Mrs Faulkner was interviewed and filmed for Chains, Dogs and CHAOS, a film by Multistory and Sarah Tibbets in 2014. Multistory, is an arts organisation based in West Bromwich. For more information, visit www.multistory.org.uk



Hilda's favourite role - Showboat, 1979



Hilda caught the performing bug aged 14

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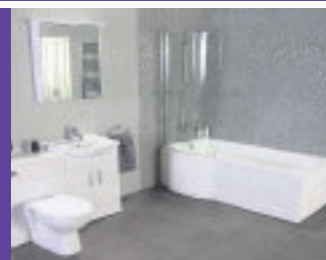
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Years of tears...

FROM environmental disasters to sporting heartache, the end of apartheid and start of the internet, a lot has happened since 1986.

In the year the Chronicles were launched, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded, Diego Maradona broke the hearts of England fans with his Hand Of God goal, and Steve Bull signed for Wolves.

And since then there have been many major events that have happened in the world.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the weekly titles Jamie Brassington looks at some of the world's standout events in that time.

Shockwaves were sent around the world in 1986 when the Chernobyl nuclear plant exploded in former Soviet Union. It was caused by an accident which saw a nuclear reactor explode, sending a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere which affected large parts of Europe. A 30 kilometre exclusion zone was then set

up around the site and patrolled by the Russian military. After three months 31 people had died and 237 suffered acute radiation sickness, most victims being fire and rescue workers.

Many England fans will remember the World Cup of that year because of Diego Maradona's controversial Hand Of God goal. His handball goal was allowed to stand which helped Argentina beat England 2-1 in the quarter final before they went on to win the tournament.

But a footballing story was soon to start closer to home when Steve Bull signed for Wolves in the same year, going on to score 250 goals in 474 appearances for the club. In 1988 the tragedy of Pan Am Flight 103 took place, where terrorists detonated a bomb over Lockerbie, in Scotland, killing all 270 people on board.



Hand of God: Diego Maradona, who broke the hearts of so many football fans



Chernobyl nuclear power plant – the site of the world's worst nuclear accident

Mandela

The next decade saw the beginning of the worldwide web, which was invented by British engineer Sir Timothy Berners-Lee in 1990. Nelson Mandela was also freed from Victor Verster Prison earlier that year after more than 27 years.

The first half of the decade saw political shifts in Europe. The Soviet Union was dissolved in 1991 and the European Union established in 1993. England and France were connected by rail in 1994 when the Channel tunnel opened in 1994 after seven years of construction. Nel-

son Mandela became the first black president of South Africa earlier that year, ending apartheid in the country.

Tragedy struck Dunblane Primary School in Scotland in 1996, when gunman Thomas Hamilton opened fired, killing 16 pupils and one teacher before he committed suicide.

Dolly the sheep became the first mammal to be cloned in July 1996 by British scientists at the University of Edinburgh.

The magic of JK Rowling's Harry Potter was unveiled to the public in July 1997 when her Philosopher's Stone book was published.

Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in the Pont de l'Alma road tunnel in Paris alongside Dodi Al-Fayed in August 1997.

In September 1997, Mother Theresa, a Roman Catholic nun, who dedicated her life to helping the poor and vulnerable around the world, died.

Google was set up in 1998, going on to be one of the most important tools of the early 21st century.



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And in the Black Country, Wolverhampton gained city status in 2000.

Al-Qaeda terrorists attacked America in what became known as 9/11 in 2001, killing 2,996 people and injuring more than 6,000, which sparked a 13-year war in Afghanistan.

Britain marked the death of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother in 2002. The funeral was held at Westminster Abbey.

The Iraq War began in 2003 following an invasion by the US and its allies, which ended in 2009. And Facebook was invented by Mark Zuckerberg in 2004. It now has 1.59 billion users.

Search

The 7/7 bombings took place in London in July 2005. Carried out by terrorists, it killed 52 people and injured more than 700 on the London Underground and on a bus.

A worldwide search was prompted in 2007 after Madeleine McCann disappeared while on holiday with her family in Portugal.

Barack Obama was elected as the first black president of the United States in 2009, before going on to two terms in the office.

Music icon Michael Jackson died in June 2009 which prompted a global mourning from fans.

Usain Bolt set a new World Record in the Men's 100 metre sprint in August 2009 with a time of 9.58 seconds at the Berlin World Championships. And Prince William tied the knot with Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey in April 2011.

London hosted the Olympics in 2012 which saw Great Britain come third with a medal

The EU was also in the news back then, and that Royal kiss on the balcony as thousands

haul of 65. That year the Queen also celebrated her Diamond Jubilee.

Coming right up to date, this year Leicester City pulled off one of the greatest achievements in British sporting history winning the Premier League, after going from 5000/1 outsiders at the start of the season.

Club striker Jamie Vardy also broke the Premier League record for scoring in the most consecutive games that season, where he scored in 11 in a row.



Sealed with a kiss – after Prince William and Kate Middleton tied the knot



Celebrating with his famous gesture – Usain Bolt set a new world record in the men's 100 metre sprint in August 2009 with a time of 9.58 seconds

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How Walsall took on the world with its leather trade

FROM the opening of a new football stadium, to wedding bells for a Blind Date couple, and the arrival of a leather museum, Walsall has seen its fair share of events over the past three decades.

The industrial town is well known for its heritage of making leather saddles.

Two years after the Walsall Chronicle was first published in 1986, the Leather Museum opened. It was to tell the story of the town's leather trade, which went from a small time to an international saddle-making centre. That year in 1988 the Locksmith's House Museum opened in Willenhall.

In 1990 Walsall FC moved to their new home, the Banks's Stadium (formerly called Bescot). Last year The Saddler's celebrated a quarter of a century at the stadium.

Magic

Former club secretary Roy Whalley wrote in his programme notes on August 18 that year: "Welcome to the Bescot Stadium. This is a moment of pure magic, an unattainable dream that has become reality."

Elsewhere rail services were making tracks in the town.

Birmingham to Walsall rail services were extended to Hednesford in April 1989, then to Rugeley Town in June 1997 and to Stafford in May 1998.

From December 12, 2008, Chase Line trains were withdrawn from running through to Stafford and instead terminated at Rugeley Trent Valley on the West Coast main line. In 1980 the Saddlers Shopping Centre, and an updated railway station, opened in the town.



Walsall Leather Museum tells the story of the town's famous leather trade - one of the reconstructed workshops

Blind Date was a popular TV show watched by millions of people, when it ran from 1985 to 2002, and the first couple to marry after meeting on the show were Sue Middleton from Pelsall and Alex Tatham. They married at St Michael and All Angels Church, in the village, in October 1991, after meeting on the hit show.

Blind Date presenter Cilla Black, who passed away in August 2015, attended the wedding, where police had to put up crush barriers to cope with 3,000 well-wishers who turned out. The couple, who are still happily

married, paid tribute to Cilla as their 'fairly godmother', and said their 'wonderful' life together would not have happened without her.

The New Art Gallery opened in Walsall in 2000 and exhibits historic, modern and contemporary art. And the town welcomed the arrival of a revamped bus station in 2001.

The population of Walsall in 2007 was estimated to be at around 269,300. The town is still the leading centre in Europe for the making of saddlery and related horse equipment.



The first couple to marry after meeting on the Blind Date TV show. The bride was from Pelsall



The New Art Gallery opened in the town in 2000 and exhibits historic, modern and contemporary art



Move to a new ground put club back on track

IT signalled a new era for Walsall Football Club. When the club moved to Bescot Stadium in 1990, they were going through a difficult time.

Top scorer David Kelly had been sold, and Walsall had been relegated to Division Three on the back of 15 straight defeats.

The club seemed to be in freefall but the move to the new stadium has been lauded as having saved the club. It was built just a few hundred yards from their old stadium, Fellows Park, which had been the Saddlers' home since 1896.

Competitive

At the first game there, a friendly with Aston Villa, Sir Stanley Matthews cut the ribbon to officially open it.

Club secretary Roy Whalley commented in the programme saying 'this is a moment of pure magic' and 'an unattainable dream that has become reality.'

The team lost 4-0 that day but there was hope among fans. More than 5,000 came back for the next game, a competitive fixture against Torquay.

Work started on the stadium in April 1989, costing £3 million to build. Bescot Stadium, now called Banks's, was only the second stadium to have been built in England since the 1950s.

The plans were drawn up in the boardroom by Barrie Blower and Jeff Blonser, and, by the end of 1989, concrete terracing had been laid. The stadium was completed in the summer of 1990 with a capacity for

"The only way to survive was by building this stadium. It is a real morale boost. We find ourselves ahead of every other club in the league"



At the first game at Bescot Stadium, a friendly with Aston Villa, Sir Stanley Matthews cut the ribbon to officially open the stadium

11,104 people and 1,200-vehicle car park.

Fellows Park, which had held pivotal games in the club's history, has since been replaced by a Morrisons supermarket.

Walsall's new stadium was now one of the most modern and safety-conscious grounds in the country.

Saddlers was named Division Four's family club of the year from 1992-94. It had some of the best-rated disabled facilities in the country.

Whalley said at the time: "The only way that the club was to survive was by building this stadium.

"Of course our supporters were sentimental to Fellows Park and we received some opposition to our plans, but the move has given the club a

real morale boost and we find ourselves ahead of every other club in the league."

He established the popular Sunday market at the stadium in 1992, still held there to this day.

The away stands were filled with seats that year. Plans for a pair of huge advertising hoardings facing the M6 motorway were also unveiled, which sealed the stadium's iconic place in the eyes of passing motorists and boosted the club's coffers.

South Korean electronics giant Daewoo agreed the club's biggest ever sponsorship deal at the time in 1993.

Last year the club went to Wembley for the first time in their 127-year history while playing in the Football League Trophy final.



Bescot Stadium, now Banks's, was only the second stadium to have been built in England since the 1950s



Fellows Park was home to the Saddlers, from 1896 until the new £3m stadium finally opened in 1990

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And just for the record



MUSIC in the 1980s saw new sounds enter the charts.

As rock continued to enjoy a wide audience, new genres, such as dance music and new wave, arrived on the scene.

Disco fell out of fashion in the decade's early years but Euro disco and dance-pop were to become more popular.

But in the Black Country, rock was still dominant. The region played an important role in seeing bands become successful.

Former nightclub and live music venue JB's, in Dudley, had local bands and acts from further afield play there.

As Jonn Penney, lead singer of Ned's Atomic Dustbin, put it, if you

won the crowd over at the club, you were onto a winner. The likes of Blur, Joy Division, UB40, The Police, The Pretenders and the Manic Street Preachers performed at the venue.

The Sex Pistols played there under the name The Spots following a ban by Wolverhampton Council.

Queen also wanted to play there but asked too much money to perform.

Ned's Atomic Dustbin, formed in Stourbridge in 1987, was among the Black Country bands branching out into indie rock which became popular in the UK and US in the 1980s.

"Indie was short for independent, which meant people doing their own thing," said Jonn.

"Indie music was everyone who was not on a major record label."

Other indie bands from the area were Pop Will Eat Itself and The Wonder Stuff, both formed in Stourbridge in 1986.

In April 1991 Jonn's band released its album 'God Fodder', which reached number four in the UK Top 40 albums chart.

"Rock music in the area has always been a love of no-nonsense music."

"I guess Slade started the trend, the 'get on with it no-nonsense' music. There was no posing, it was all about letting the art do the talking."

"They took the Black Country to the corners of the planet which no-one else had done."

"Robert Plant also took Wolverhampton to places in the world where no-one knew of the city."



The Sex Pistols played at JB's under the name The Spots following a ban by Wolverhampton Council



Jonn Penney – glad to see vinyl back

JOHN PENNEY:

Lead singer of Ned's Atomic Dustbin

As promotions officer for the Wolverhampton Civic halls Jonn has experience of many music genres. He says tastes in music have changed over the past three decades and rock may not be as pivotal in the Black Country as 30 years ago.

But he added: "Rock in the Black Country is never going to die. And Black Country rock fans are the most loyal of the loyal."

And he is glad to see the surprise return of vinyl with youngsters of today.

"Kids today are different to kids in my age," said Jonn. "They don't go out as much and are exposed to far less culture and art."

"It's a completely different culture but that is not knocking them. Rock music is so much rooted in live performance."

"I would have never imagined today kids would appreciate a piece with artwork (vinyl) – it's great to see."



Mike Hamblett – so many changes

MIKE HAMBLETT:

Owner of the Robin 2 in Bilston

"The live music venues in the Black Country and Birmingham have changed over the years," says Mike. "What used to be a pub venue would now be The Institute in Birmingham."

"And places like Club Lafayette, Wolverhampton and JB's Dudley are no longer with us."

But one name still going strong is the Robin 2, in Bilston. Mike opened the live music venue alongside the original Robin, which he opened in 1992 in Dudley before it was demolished in 2003.

Acts that have played at The Robin 2 recently include American female soul group The Three Degrees and Snakecharmer – made up of two original Whitesnake members.

Mike says: "There only used to be The Robin, JB's in Dudley and a couple in Birmingham, Club Lafayette, The Coach & Horses pub in Hateley Heath, the Barrel Organ in Digbeth and the Railway in Curzon Street, Birmingham."

"Now there are lots."

TOP TEN HITS

30 YEARS AGO (July 1, 1986)

1. Wham! – The Edge Of Heaven
2. Madonna – Papa Don't Preach
3. The Housemartins – Happy Hour
4. Owen Paul – My Favourite Waste Of Time
5. Nu Shooz – I Can't Wait
6. Amazulu – Too Good To Be Forgotten
7. A-Ha – Hunting High And Low
8. Bucks Fizz – New Beginning (Mamba Seyra)
9. Bananarama – Venus
10. Doctor And The Medics – Spirit In The Sky

20 YEARS AGO (July 1, 1996)

1. Baddiel/Skinner/Lightning Seeds – Three Lions
2. Fugees – Killing Me Softly
3. Peter Andre ft Bubbler Ranx – Mysterious Girl
4. Kula Shaker – Tattva
5. Celine Dion – Because You Loved Me
6. Ash – Oh Yeah
7. Reel 2 Real – Jazz It Up
8. Livin' Joy – Don't Stop Movin'
9. Alison Limerick – Where Love Lives
10. Mariah Carey – Always Be My Baby

10 YEARS AGO (July 1, 2006)

1. Nelly Furtado – Maneater
2. Shakira ft Wyclef Jean – Hips Don't Lie
3. Sandi Thom – I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker
4. Muse – Supermassive Black Hole
5. The Automatic – Monster
6. Sergio Mendes/Black Eyed Peas – Mas Que Nada
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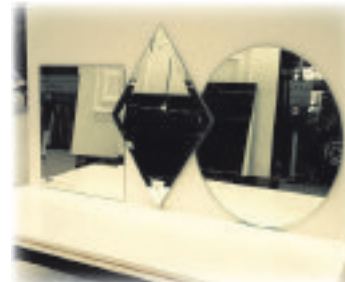
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The curves of Linda Evangelista were replaced by the lean look of Kate Moss

When curves were given the boot



AS things have been since time immemorial, the fashion trends that have emerged, disappeared and re-emerged over the last three decades have been heavily dictated by music, culture and subculture.

When people ran to pick up their copy of the Chronicle from the doormat in the 80s, they did so in the kind of bright and sharp heels that Madonna might wear.



Or in huge-tongued, hip-hop-influenced trainers. In the days before yellow smiley faces were sent via WhatsApp, they were plastered on the front of T-shirts, clashing with some of the brightest and loudest wind breakers and shell suits the world has ever seen.

Off-shoulder chunky jumpers in wild, neon geometric patterns led the mainstream, while the post-punk underworld brought forth grunge rock, and a more muted colour palette. As synthesizers began to give way to guitars, the world began to change, not only what it was listening to, but what it wore.

By the time we arrived head-first into the 90s, we were more inclined to slip on a pair of Converse baseball boots than a pair of neon-pointed pumps. The

Kirsty Bosley takes us through the fashion years – good and bad

healthy-looking curves of models like Linda Evangelista and Christy Turlington were replaced by the 'heroin chic' slender, boyish forms of models like Kate Moss and Jaime King. Suddenly, the gaunt look was in and it wasn't just the models getting thinner. Everything else lost volume too, backcombing was out and hair irons were in.

Dominate

Flouncy, playful blouses were packed off to the charity shop, and more slender lines became a fashion standard. Throughout this time, sportswear continued to dominate the wardrobes of men everywhere, with brands like Kappa and Ellesse joining Adidas and Reebok in the cool stakes.

As the 90s progressed, bands like Slipknot and Korn influenced the 'alternative' community. Baggy jeans with chains and all black clothing brought back that 80s goth vibe. But pop music made



The Spice Girls summed up some of the bizarre 'fashions'

the most memorable impact. Boy band members made curtains and highlights cool, and check shirts and denim jackets remained a bloke staple. One of the most influential acts of the 90s was The Spice Girls, and for females, the rise of Girl Power dictated the next few years of fashion. Sky-scraping platform shoes were a must.

Jelly shoes had their moment in the sun, as did chokers, Grolsch bottle tops and very distressed jeans. In the noughties, low-slung cargo pants with pointless rib-

bons, belly-flashing skinny vests and gypsy skirts came to the fore, as did wearing ties on top of, well, anything. In the 2010s, Chinos became cool, jeans got much skinnier and, sadly, no massive fashion-forward steps were taken. It was a bad year for fashion.

These days, what we wear is a rotation of things from before, a revival of 70s-style flares and high-waisted mum jeans, floral prints, rich browns and moccasins. Let's hope shell suits stay firmly locked away in the retro closet!

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With stability a watchword at the Banks's Stadium it won't be too long before the Saddlers are playing at a higher level

On the button with new plans



The engineers who will be carrying out the electrification work on the Chase Line which rail bosses say will lead to faster, and quieter, journeys between Walsall and Rugeley

HAVING delved 30 years into the past, the Chronicle team thought it would be fun to look to the future.

There are many, many questions which arise both from proposed schemes and projects which are already under way.

In Walsall, the town centre will no doubt look very different in just a few years' time, as the landscape is transformed by modern business and leisure facilities.

Prominent among those changes is the Gigaport development, near Littleton Street and Blue Lane, which promises to establish Walsall and the West Midlands as a leader in the operation and development of IT-related services.

Transport

And with such a forward-looking project comes the need for efficient transport links, which is where the electrification of the Chase Line will play a massive role.

Industry bosses are predicting that the faster, and quieter, trains between Walsall and Rugeley will make the area even more attractive as a place to work, live and set up in business.

And it doesn't stop there. Will we

see direct passenger services introduced on the lines linking Walsall with Stourbridge and Wolverhampton? Such a move would open up exciting opportunities involving the wider Black Country.

Already, Walsall has established itself on the leisure and culture scene, with the stunning New Art Gallery and town centre studios of the recently-launched Big Centre TV.

Music and theatre lovers would love to see a new venue capable of attracting big names to the town, and with the ongoing regeneration of the town, that could be a distinct possibility.

Admirers

On the sporting front, Walsall Football Club has won over many admirers in recent years, and the stability that has become a watchword at the Banks's Stadium suggests that it won't be too long before the Saddlers are playing at a higher level.

Further afield, the Black Country has designs on building a 'garden city' for families to live in self-contained communities surrounded by green space. Such a move would undoubtedly enhance the region's reputation as its population, already standing at more than 1.1 million, looks set to rise by 200,000 in the next 10 years.



Leisure facilities will continue to be developed as Walsall grows as a place to work, live and set up in business



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Celebrating Irish music and dance



Some of the Rhythm of the Dance singers and musicians in action during a show dedicated to popular Irish culture

A SHOW which celebrates the rich history of Ireland and the art of Irish music and dance is at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Monday. Fans can look forward to a variety of routines from the disciplined Celtic Step to the ancient Sean Nos (old style) dance in a show featuring 22 dancers. The Grand's Scott Bird said:

"Rhythm of the Dance creates a new era in Irish entertainment, presenting world champion dancers, a traditional Irish band and the handsome Young Irish Tenors. "Rhythm of the Dance is internationally rated as one of the most popular and successful Irish step dance shows on tour, by critics, audiences and fans around the world." The show's choreographer is former Riverdance The Show dancer

Doireann Carney. The lead female dancer Nicola Kennedy, a member of the Maura McGowan school of Irish Dancing, won many Northern Ireland competitions before joining Michael Flatley's show Feet of Flames, performing in front of an audience of 30,000 in Taiwan. Tickets are available from the venue via its website at grandtheatre.co.uk or by calling the box office on 01902 429212.



Now Gareth is Footloose

IT is now 14 years since the baby-faced Gareth Gates battled it out with Will Young on top TV show Pop Idol. And while he ultimately lost out to his fellow contestant, life hasn't treated him too badly. After nine hit singles and two successful albums, he turned his attentions to musical theatre, also taking in a stint on TV's Dancing on Ice along the way. Musical theatre was Gareth's first love since he played the title role in a school production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat aged eight. "I then went on to play the role in the West End for Andrew Lloyd Webber some 17 years later," says the 31-year-old leading man. The Lloyd Webber production was actually Gates's first professional theatre job. It was immediately followed by a two-year stint as Marius in Les Misérables, which he says is his favourite musical. He describes the role of Marius as the theatrical highlight of his career. Gates, who has spoken with a stutter all his life, says music became a form of escape. "As a child I was never able to speak, and so music became my only form of expression," he says. "I knew that music was all I wanted in life." Now he is coming to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre as Willard in Footloose: The Musical, a revival of the Broadway hit based on the popular 1984 movie about a youth rebellion in a rural American town where dancing is banned. The Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie musical, staged from Monday to Saturday, will also feature Maureen Nolan.

Robin 2 tributes to rock legends

IT'S a big weekend of classic rock tribute shows at Bilston's Robin 2 venue, starting tomorrow (Friday) with Scottish tribute to Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, The Springsteen Sessions. Pure Purple presents a tribute to Deep Purple in a double bill with Lovehunter's Whitesnake celebration on Saturday night. Then on Sunday Just Floyd give a three hour performance of Pink Floyd classics starting at 1pm. The prog rock continues that evening with the SeYes performance dedicated to the music of Yes. For tickets see therobin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.

Rep at hub of world youth theatre week

BIRMINGHAM is set to host the eight-day 2016 World Festival of Theatre for Young Audiences from Saturday. Featuring 16 shows by artists from 14 countries, including the UK, Ireland, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Australia and South Korea, the festival takes place in venues across the city with Birmingham Repertory Theatre as the main festival hub. Surrounding the packed programme of shows are workshops and discussions about theatre for young audiences for those working in theatre. The festival will attract around 500 international visitors. See www.ontheedge2016.com for details.

TV comic will be returning to club

TV comic Patrick Monahan is returning to headline a pub's comedy club in Stourbridge for the third time in two years. Mr Monahan, who has appeared on Show Me The Funny, Celebrity Squares and The Paul O'Grady Show, will be back at Fitz of Laughter Comedy Club tomorrow (Friday). The popular Teessider headlined the first Fitz of Laughter show at Katie Fitzgerald's nearly two years ago and returned last July for a one-hour preview of his touring show The Disco Years. Tickets are £10 at www.skiddie.com/e/12557353 or by calling compere Wayne Beese on 07507 015397. Doors open 8pm.



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Dermot O'Leary

The Getaway Car (BBC1, 6.40pm)
Dermot O'Leary takes five duos to the South African countryside, where he puts their nerves, driving and communication skills, and ultimately their relationships to the test in a series of high-octane car-based challenges. The teams must negotiate Hazard Highway, Off-Road Rage, Drive-Thru and Getaway Chase, with the most successful pair receiving a chance to pit their talents behind the wheel against those of Top Gear's resident stunt-driver the Stig. Should they triumph, the winners will claim a £10,000 cash prize and the title of Getaway Champions.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.00** BBC News. **12.10** Wimbledon 2016. Further live coverage from the All England Club.
6.20 BBC News.
6.30 Regional Programme.
6.40 The Getaway Car. Dermot O'Leary takes five duos to the South African countryside, where he puts their nerves, driving and communication skills, and ultimately their relationships to the test in a series of high-octane car-based challenges. The teams must negotiate Hazard Highway, Off-Road Rage, Drive-Thru and Getaway Chase, with the most successful pair receiving a chance to pit their talents behind the wheel against those of Top Gear's resident stunt-driver the Stig. Should they triumph, the winners will claim a £10,000 cash prize and the title of Getaway Champions.
7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. The third quarter-final (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of this evening's fixture at the Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux, where the first place in the second semi-final will be confirmed. The winners of groups C and E could well be involved in this fixture, which means there is every chance that Germany will be looking to continue their outstanding record in European Championship finals. Should they still be in the tournament, they will also be aiming to hold two major titles at the same time, having been victorious in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.05 The National Lottery Live. Ore Oduba presents as the all-important winning numbers are revealed.
10.15 BBC News; Weather.
10.35 Live at the Apollo; (R) National Lottery Update.
11.20 Film: Old School. (2003)
12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.55** BBC News.
In the event of football not being shown the schedule may run as follows:
6.40 Regional News; **Weather 6.50** TBA
7.40 The National Lottery; **In It To Win It 8.30** The Musketeers **9.25-10.15** Casualty **10.35-11.20** MOTD: Euro 2016 Highlights

BBC2

6.10 The Women's Football Show. (R)
6.40 Film: Angel on My Shoulder. (1946) Fantasy, starring Paul Muni. **8.25 Film: In Which We Serve.** (1942) The survivors of a maritime disaster recall their adventures as they cling to the wreckage. **Second World War** drama, starring Noel Coward, John Mills and Richard Attenborough. **10.15** Talking Tennis. **11.00** Wimbledon 2016. Day six gets under way at the All England Club.
12.10 Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.30** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) **2.30** Wimbledon 2016. Further live coverage on day six of the third Grand Slam tournament of the year at the All England Club, featuring the third-round matches in the singles draws. Sue Barker presents.
8.30 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding introduces highlights of the sixth day's play at the All England Club, where the men's and ladies' third-round singles matches were due to reach a conclusion. The middle Saturday is always a special occasion at SW19 and the crowd on Centre Court last year were treated to the sight of Roger Federer and Andy Murray progressing to the fourth round with respective victories over Sam Groth and Andreas Seppi, while Petra Kvitová's title defence ended against Jelena Jankovic.
9.30 QI XL. Extended edition. Question master Stephen Fry continues the comedy panel quiz's exploration of subjects beginning with the letter L as he asks a range of fiendish questions on the topic of ladies and gents. Joining regular panelist Alan Davies are stand-up comedian Ross Noble, Australian author Kathy Lette and comedienne and Great British Bake Off presenter Sue Perkins.
10.15 Versailles. Philippe returns from war a changed man, while the debauched urges of dissident duke Cassel must be pandered to by Madame de Montespan; (R) Inside Versailles.
11.15 Best of Glastonbury 2016. Another chance to see some of the highlights from this year's festival at Worthy Farm in Somerset, including many of the headline artists, and a selection of bespoke acoustic sets.
1.15 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. **2.55** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!
6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R)
6.45 Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Oddbods. (R) **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.00** MinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu. (R) **8.25** ITV News.
8.30 Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** The Wine Show. **1.30** Big Box Little Box. (R) **2.00** Doc Martin. (R) **3.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The London ePrix. **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)
6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.10 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 Catchphrase. New series. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking contestants Bianca Davies, Tony Neill, Cowell and Jo Atkins to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues.
7.15 Euro 2016. The third quarter-final (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of this evening's fixture at the Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux, where the first place in the second semi-final will be confirmed. The winners of groups C and E could well be involved in this fixture, which means there is every chance that Germany will be looking to continue their outstanding record in European Championship finals. Should they still be in the tournament, they will also be aiming to hold two major titles at the same time, having been victorious in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.15 ITV News; Weather.
10.35 Pop Gold. (R)
11.35 Film: Carry On Again Doctor. (1969) Comedy.
1.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.
In the event of football not being shown the schedule may run as follows:
12.29-12.30 Local Weather **5.30** All Star Family Fortunes (R) **6.15** ITV Regional News And Weather **6.30** ITV News And Weather **6.45** You've Been Framed! **7.15** Catchphrase (R) **8.00** Midsomer Murders (R) **10.00** ITV News And Weather **10.15** Euro 2016 Highlights **11.15** FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (PG/1969) **12.45-3.00** Jackpot247

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Salvage SOS. (R) **6.40** Salvage SOS. (R) **7.05** Motor Sport: Scottish Rally. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Car SOS. (R) **11.00** The Superhumans Show. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park and Haydock Park. **4.15** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. **5.15** Channel 4 News. **5.30** Formula 1: Austrian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.
7.00 Gogglesprogs. Young TV viewers watch a range of programmes, from entertainment shows to documentaries and classic films, as well as up-to-the-minute news reports. In London, childhood friends Shuaib and Janai love watching cartoons together. In Birmingham, mates Edie and Teanna are both in the school book club, and in Leicester are six-year-old Geet and her four-year-old brother Hanson, who wants to be a Formula 1 racing driver. In this edition, the Gogglesprogs give their honest and hilarious views on Simply Nigella, The Lion King and Made in Chelsea. (R)
8.00 Film: Avatar. (2009) A paraplegic soldier uses technology that allows him to control a genetically engineered body on a mission to a dangerous jungle world. His assignment is to infiltrate an alien tribe on behalf of a corrupt mining corporation, which wants to drive them from their land. He comes to sympathise with the natives, and helps them fight back against his employers. James Cameron's sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver and Stephen Lang.
11.10 Film: Wanted. (2008) A man joins a secret society of superpowered assassins that kills people destined to commit acts of evil. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman.
1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Blackberry's in Plainfield, New Jersey. (R) **2.05** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. The McQueens prepare for Pete's trial, and Reenie lets Cleo down when she goes missing. Nathan lend Holly support, and in the court room, Cleo's honesty is questioned. (R) **4.10** Posh Pawnbrokers. (R) **5.10** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors: Under Attack. (R) **1.25** Film: Wyatt Earp. (1994) Western, starring Kevin Costner. **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)
6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Kevin Stokes and Brian O'Shaughnessy get into a doorstep confrontation with a debtor who wants to prove her family business is bankrupt. However, when tempers flare Brian is assaulted and the agents call the police. Elsewhere, Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face evicting three properties owned by the same landlord in north London, and Brian and Delroy Anglin collect £2,000 debt owed to a vet in Kent. (R)
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fifth and final one-day international in the series, which took place at The SSE SWALEC in Cardiff.
8.00 NCIS. An Iraq war veteran asks Gibbs to investigate the killing of another former marine, who was murdered while working as a lorry driver, so Ziva hits the road to catch the culprit. (R)
8.55 NCIS. DiNozzy teams up with his girlfriend, ATF agent Zoe Keates, to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a US Marine in what initially seems like a simple road accident. The team reveals the dead man did indeed die due to a broken neck sustained during a crash, but someone shot at him first. As DiNozzy and Keates pursue their inquiry, they discover the victim's death is connected to a controversial ATF plan to place traceable firearms in the criminal system, and then follow them to the heads of crime organisations.
9.55 5 News Weekend.
10.00 Big Brother. Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house.
11.05 Daniella Westbrook: In Therapy. (R)
12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.20** House Doctor. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

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BBC Four
7.00 The Mary Rose: A Timewatch Guide
8.00 The Last Seabird Summer? **9.00** Film: The Hypnotist (2012) **10.55** Storyville: Smash & Grab – The Story of the Pink Panthers **12.25** Top of the Pops: 1982 **1.35** Mr Blue Sky: The Story of Jeff Lynne and ELO **2.35** Jeff Lynne's ELO at Hyde Park **3.55** Closure
ITV2
11.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.45** You've Been Framed! **12.15** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **1.20** Film: Rumour Has It (2005) **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25** Film: Rumour Has It (2005) **3.15** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **5.05** Film: Charlotte's Web (2006) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Charlotte's Web (2006) **7.10** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hotlist **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **12.50** Film: Friends with Kids (2011) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** Film: Friends with Kids (2011) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV3
12.55 Film: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) **2.55** Midsomer Murders **4.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** The Jury **1.10** City Lights **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
11.00 Tour de France Live. Coverage of the opening stage of this year's race. **4.30** Pawn Stars **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Film: Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** Film: Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) **9.45** Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) **10.50** FYI Daily **10.55** Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) **12.30** Motorway Patrol **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** The Wine Show **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
12.30 Baby Daddy **1.30** Melissa & Joey **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** The Goldbears **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: This Is 40 (2012) **11.40** Gogglebox **1.50** The Inbetweeners **2.50** Rude Tube **3.45** The New Normal
Film4
11.00 Arizona Raiders (1965) **1.00** Bandstand (2009) **3.10** Carry On Behind (1975) **4.50** Johnny English Reborn (2011) **7.00** About a Boy (2002) **9.00** Speed (1994) **11.15** The Counsellor (2013) **1.30** Psycho (1960) **3.50** Close

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China's Forgotten Emperor (Channel 4, 8pm)
Documentary about Wu Zetian, the only woman to become emperor of China. Wu Zetian ruled China in the last years of the seventh century, and has always had a reputation as a brutal tyrant. However, recent archaeological finds have shed new light on her reign, revealing a gifted politician who shaped her country into a military, economic and cultural superpower. The programme examines tombs, palaces and treasures from her dynasty that shed new light on her skills as a leader but also on the violence of her regime.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** The Muslim Pound. **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.45** Animal Super Parents. (R) **4.40** Songs of Praise. **5.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.05** BBC News. **6.20** Regional Programme. **6.30** **Countryfile**. John Craven explores Pembrokeshire's boating heritage and learns a few sea shanties, while Helen Skelton forages for seaweed on Freshwater West Beach to make a meal and meets the people who made an eco house from local materials. Sanjida O'Connell surveys the Marx Shearwater on Skomer. Adam Henson delivers some rare cattle in Cornwall, and Tom Heap examines how farms can reduce their greenhouse emissions. Includes weather for the week ahead. **7.30** **MOTD: Euro 2016 Live**. The fourth quarter-final (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the concluding match of this stage, which takes place at the Stade de France in Paris. The winners of this fixture will meet the victorious side from last night in Marseille on Thursday and the local supporters will hope that France are involved. The French have already won here on the opening night of the tournament against Romania, and their habit of doing just enough to win, with late victories in that match and against Albania, should serve them well during the knockout phase. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** Room 101 - Extra Storage. (R) **11.10** Film: No Strings Attached. (2011) **12.50** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.55** BBC News.

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BBC2

6.45 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.15** Countryfile. (R) **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **10.45** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) **11.15** A Cook Abroad: Rick Stein's Australia. (R) **12.15** The Harry Bikers' Northern Exposure. (R) **1.15** Film: The Caine Mutiny. (1954) Second World War naval drama, starring Humphrey Bogart. **3.15** Triathlon. **5.15** Flog It! (R) **6.00** **Gardeners' World**. Horticultural ideas and advice. (R) **6.30** **Film: Bedtime Stories**. (2008) Fantasy comedy, starring Adam Sandler, Keri Russell, Guy Pearce and Russell Brand. **8.00** **Top Gear**. Matt LeBlanc test drives the new Porsche 911 R, and Chris Evans tries out an MGB Roadster. Rory Reid goes to Scotland to check out Ford's first ever Mustang with right-hand drive, and Chris Harris puts Honda's latest NSX through its paces. Patrick Dempsey and Greg Davies are the Stars in a Rallycross Car. Last in the series. **9.00** **Dragons' Den: Pitches to Riches**. Richard Osman presents a look back at some of the most memorable contestants to appear on the business ideas show, and discovers what success they have enjoyed since making their pitch to the panel. Peter Jones pays a visit to celebrity chef Levi Roots, whose company Reggae Reggae Sauce became a success through his appearance on the show, while Deborah Meaden is reunited with Jordan Daykin, the youngest ever contestant to secure the backing of a Dragon, to discover if he has fulfilled his potential as an entrepreneur. (R) **10.00** **Mock the Week**. Topical comedy quiz show. (R) **10.30** **Serena**. A look into the life of Serena Williams. **11.50** **MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay**. **1.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** This Is BBC Two.

In the event of football not being shown on BBC1 the schedule may run as follows: **6.30** Top Gear **7.30** FILM: Catch Me If You Can (12/2002) **9.45** Mock The Week (R) **10.20** Serena **11.35** MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay **1.15** Sign Zone: Countryfile (R) **2.10** Sign Zone: Holby City (R) **3.10-3.10** This Is BBC Two

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Oddbods. **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.45** Loopt. (R) **8.00** Teen Titans Go! **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Countrywise. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** FIA Formula E Championship. **12.00** ITV News: Weather. **12.15** Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **1.20** Off Their Rockers Blue Badge Special. (R) **1.55** Love Your Garden. (R) **3.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The London ePrix. **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.00** **ITV News: Weather**. **6.15** **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from giddy grandmas, cute kids and crazy animals to below-the-belt mishaps, practical jokers and painful/locking accidents. (R) **7.15** **Euro 2016**. The fourth quarter-final (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the concluding match of this stage, which takes place at the Stade de France in Paris. The winners of this fixture will meet the victorious side from last night in Marseille on Thursday and the local supporters will hope that France are involved. The French have already won here on the opening night of the tournament against Romania, and their habit of doing just enough to win, with late victories in that match and against Albania, should serve them well during the knockout phase. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **10.15** **ITV News: Weather**. **10.35** **River Monsters**. (R) **11.40** **Peston on Sunday**. (R) **12.30** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights.

In the event of football not being shown the schedule may run as follows: **12.14-12.15** Local Weather **5.45** Catchphrase **6.30** ITV Regional News And Weather **6.45** ITV News And Weather **7.00** You've Been Framed! **8.00** Endeavour **10.00** ITV News And Weather **10.14** Local Weather **10.15** Euro 2016 Highlights **11.10** Peston On Sunday (R) **12.10-3.00** Jackpot247 **4.45-5.05** Nightscreen

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Salvage SOS. **6.25** Salvage SOS. **6.50** The King of Queens. (R) **7.15** The King of Queens. (R) **7.40** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Film: Clueless. (1995) Comedy, starring Alicia Silverstone. **3.25** Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two sets of first-time buyers search for properties in Bristol and the nearby countryside of the Cotswolds. (R) **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. Jonnie Irwin helps a couple who got married in Phuket to find a new home on the island, which they intend to use as a holiday home before eventually emigrating. **5.30** Channel 4 News. **6.00** **Formula 1: Austrian Grand Prix Highlights**. Steve Jones presents action from the ninth round of the season, which took place at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg. Nico Rosberg extended his lead over Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton at the top of the drivers' championship with victory in the last race in Azerbaijan, and the German will have been able to take confidence from the fact that he won this race in 2015 and overtook Hamilton in the process. **8.00** **China's Forgotten Emperor**. Documentary about Wu Zetian, the only woman to become emperor of China, and reassessing her supposedly brutal reign in the seventh century in light of new archaeological finds. **9.00** **Film: Pitch Perfect**. (2012) A new student finds herself a social outcast during her first year of college, but soon acquires a new circle of friends in a band of misfits with a shared talent for singing. She joins their a cappella group and leads them to compete in the campus music competitions. Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson and Elizabeth Banks. **11.10** **Film: Piranha 3DD**. (2012) The opening of a water park is turned into a massacre when man-eating fish start feasting on the visitors. Comedy horror sequel, starring Danielle Panabaker and Matt Bush. **12.40** Cyberbully. A teenager is targeted by an advanced computer hacker, revealing the dark depths of the internet. Maisie Williams stars in this chilling thriller inspired by real-life cases. (R) **1.55** **Film: Play**. (2011) **3.50** French Collection. (R) **4.40** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. (R) **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Now That's Funny! (R) **11.25** Now That's Funny! (R) **12.25** Now That's Funny! (R) **1.25** **Film: Igor**. (2008) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of John Cusack. **3.00** **Film: Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole**. (2010) Premiere. Animated fantasy, with the voice of Jim Sturgess. **4.45** **Film: Marley & Me**. (2008) Comedy drama, starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston. **7.00** **The Secret Life of Kittens**. Concluding part of the documentary following kittens from birth to 12 months old, revealing how the sights, smells and sounds they experience and the friends they make during this period create indelible impressions and shape their unique personalities. Cameras capture all the formative moments, including their first exploration of their home environment, their curtain-climbing acrobatics, and the first time they venture out to meet the neighbourhood cats. (R) **8.00** **Now That's Funny!** A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring babies learning about the world the hard way and an excitable airline passenger. **8.55** **5 News Weekend**. **9.00** **Big Brother**. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary-room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **10.00** **TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks**. A countdown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and Dynamo. (R) **12.50** Lip Sync Battle. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** **Pets**: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four **7.00** Five Children and It **8.15** Legends of the Deep: Giant Squid **9.00** War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme **10.30** Hidden Histories: WWI's Forgotten Photographs **11.30** Timeshift: How Britain Won the Space Race - The Story of Bernard Lovell and Jodrell Bank **12.30** Wonders of the Universe **1.30** Horizon: How You Really Make Decisions **2.30** Rise of the Continents **3.30** Close

ITV2 **11.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.50** You've Been Framed! **12.15** Love Island **12.50** **Film: Baby Mama** (2008) **1.50** **FYI Daily** **1.55** **Film: Baby Mama** (2008) **2.45** **Film: Small Soldiers** (1998) **3.45** **FYI Daily** **3.50** **Film: Small Soldiers** (1998) **5.00** **Film: Scooby-Doo** (2002) **6.00** **FYI Daily** **6.05** **Film: Scooby-Doo** (2002) **6.45** **Film: Sweet Home Alabama** (2002) **7.45** **FYI Daily** **7.50** **Film: Sweet Home Alabama** (2002) **9.00** **Love Island** **10.00** **Family Guy** **11.00** **American Dad!** **12.30** **The Cleveland Show** **2.20** **Caroline Flack: The Hot Desk** **2.30** **Teleshopping**

ITV3 **11.50** A Touch of Frost **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.45** **Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (1971) **4.45** **FYI Daily** **4.50** **Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (1971) **5.55** **Wycliffe** **7.00** **Midsomer Murders** **9.00** **The Blethley Circle** **10.00** **Lewis** **12.00** **Wire in the Blood** **2.00** A Touch of Frost **3.35** **May the Best House Win** **5.20** On the Buses **5.45** **ITV3 Nightscreen**

ITV4 **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** Tour de France Live **4.30** **Pawn Stars** **6.00** **The Wine Show** **7.00** **Tour de France Highlights** **8.00** **River Monsters** **9.10** **Film: The Fugitive** (1993) **10.10** **FYI Daily** **10.15** **Film: The Fugitive** (1993) **11.50** **Film: Dawn of the Dead** (2004) **12.50** **FYI Daily** **12.55** **Film: Dawn of the Dead** (2004) **2.00** **Tour de France Highlights** **2.50** **ITV4 Nightscreen** **3.00** **Teleshopping**

E4 **12.30** **Made in Chelsea: The Aftermath** **1.35** **Comples Come Dine with Me** **3.35** **The Goldbergs** **4.30** **The Big Bang Theory** **9.00** **Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2** (2012) **11.10** **Gogglebox** **12.15** **The Inbetweeners** **1.25** **Rude Tube** **2.25** **Gogglebox** **3.00** **Hollyoaks**

Film4 **1.00** **St Trinian's** (2007) **3.00** **Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World** (2011) **4.40** **Rango** (2011) **6.50** **The Other Boleyn Girl** (2008) **9.00** **Inglourious Basterds** (2009) **12.05** **Dog Soldiers** (2002)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Missing at 17, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An adopted teenager runs away from home to find her biological parents, and meets a man who offers to help her. However, after she is rejected by her birth mother, he instead lures her into assisting his criminal activities. Drama, starring Ayla Kell. (2013)

TUESDAY

The Deadly Dress: Garage Sale Mystery 4, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Amateur sleuth Jennifer Shannon finds an old wedding dress and investigates the disappearance of the groom on his big day decades before. Crime drama, starring Lori Loughlin and Cheryl Ladd. (2015)

WEDNESDAY

Miss March, Channel 4, 1.45am

A man awakens from a coma to find his formerly chaste high-school girlfriend has grown up to become a Playboy centrefold, and enlists the aid of his lecherous best friend in winning her back. Comedy, directed by and starring Zach Cregger and Trevor Moore. With Raquel Alessi, Molly Stanton and Hugh Hefner as himself. (2009)



Miss March, Wednesday, Channel 4, 1.45am

THURSDAY

I Dream of Murder, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A psychiatrist decides to investigate when one of her patients is murdered, placing her career and marriage in jeopardy as she becomes obsessed with the case. As the truth comes to light, she is forced to confront her own inner demons. Mystery, starring Jolene Blalock, Martin Cummins and Carrie Colak. (2006)

FRIDAY

The Sentinel, BBC1, 11.35pm

A secret service agent is convinced a member of a neo-Nazi militant group has infiltrated the White House. But his attempt to investigate comes to a halt when he is framed for murder and blackmailed over his affair with the president's wife. As he battles to clear his name, his former protege is given the task of bringing him to justice. Spy thriller, starring Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland, Eva Longoria and Kim Basinger. (2006)

Steph decides to get into exotic lingerie

Following the success of Sex and the City and Fifty Shades of Grey, some people may think that Ann Summers parties now seem rather tame.

However, Sophie Rundle, who stars in ITV's new drama series Brief Encounters as Steph, a woman who starts a new career selling exotic lingerie and marital aids in 1980s Sheffield, admits that handling the vintage props left her a little flustered.

She says: "I thought after about five minutes I wouldn't be funny anymore. But it just never stopped being funny, particularly when I'm sat in a room with (co-star) Penelope Wilton, who is one of my heroes. I pulled one out of the box and she said, 'And what does that one with the pump do, Sophie?'

"What do you say to that? I went very red in the face, mumbled something and ran away."

Let's hope her character is made of sterner stuff, as Steph is one of four women – the others are Pauline (Wilton), Nita (Angela Griffin) and Dawn (Sharon Rooney) – whose lives

look set to change due to their involvement in a saucy new business venture.

For part-time cleaner Steph, selling knickers initially seems like a way to make some much-needed cash, but it expands her horizons in ways she could never have expected.

Sophie, whose previous credits include Peaky Blinders and Happy Valley, explains: "Steph has never been expected to have a career. She got married straight out of school and then had a child. It's the kind of marriage where the husband expects to be the breadwinner and the wife will stay at home.

"When we first meet her, Steph is quite shy, retiring and sweet. But when they come up against money problems, she discovers the job as a party planner and another world is opened up to her. Through the episodes you see her develop and blossom into this amazing woman. Her confidence changes and she becomes independent.

"Steph blossoms into another version of herself. So she starts off in

one place and finishes somewhere very different."

However, in this first episode, not everyone approves of Steph's new money-making venture – her husband Terry (Karl Davies) refuses to entertain the idea, but she goes ahead anyway.

Meanwhile, Steph's boss Pauline is torn between being horrified at the thought of having one of the parties at her home and wanting to open up her social circle beyond her husband, while hairdresser Dawn has to hold the fort when the hostesses receive some unexpected guests.

Sophie hopes the characters aren't the only ones who are going to be inspired by Brief Encounters. "We've had enough of women being in the background and just having supporting parts. I think people want to see dramas about women. Or at least with women having just as many main parts as men.

"There's been a huge change and I think it will continue. Those stories are just waiting to be told. And thank God we're telling them.



Sophie Rundle stars in Brief Encounters, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Forces of Nature with Brian Cox BBC1, 9pm

New series. The physicist goes on a grand tour of the planet to explain how the Earth's beauty is created by just a handful of forces, beginning by examining the diversity of shapes in the natural world. Off the coast of Canada, Brian explains how massive icebergs that surge down from Greenland and into shipping lanes of the Atlantic emerge due to a powerful yet infinitesimal force of nature.

TUESDAY

Love Your Garden ITV, 8pm

Six years ago, Nottingham youngster Tilly Sawford was so badly scalded in a domestic accident that she has been a regular hospital patient since then. Despite the pain and disfigurement of her body, she has remained an upbeat little girl, while her two brothers and two sisters all help with her care. The whole family, including mum Emma and dad Kyle are in for a treat. Though their current back yard is a building site, staff at Tilly's local hospital asked Love Your Garden team if they could create a new, safe garden for all of them to enjoy. In spite of some horrendous weather, Alan Titchmarsh and his associates transform it into the ultimate family garden.

Life Stripped Bare Channel 4, 9pm

A life-changing experiment for members of three households, who, for three weeks, have all of their possessions taken away, even their clothes, and every single item in their home put into storage. They must not buy or borrow anything, apart from food and drink, and carry on with their daily routine, while choosing to get back one item a day for 21 days. Those taking part include East London fashion designer Heidi, who owns 31 bikinis and lives through social media, and Tom, Andrew and Georgia in Cardiff, who own over 2,000 items and are dedicated socialisers.

WEDNESDAY

MOTD: Euro 2016 Live BBC1, 7.30pm

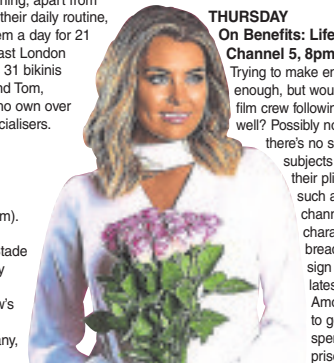
The first semi-final (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the opening last-four match, which takes place at the Stade de Lyon. On paper, this game may feature two so-called weaker countries compared with tomorrow's second semi. The likes of holders Spain, host nation France, Germany, Italy and England all ended up on the other side of the draw

following the group games, with Switzerland, Poland, Wales and Croatia among the sides to land in this half. However, whichever teams reach this stage of the tournament will know they have got here on merit, and will be confident of taking part in the showpiece game on Sunday.

THURSDAY

On Benefits: Life on the Dole Channel 5, 8pm

Trying to make ends meet is hard enough, but would you really want a film crew following you around as well? Possibly not, though it seems there's no shortage of willing subjects ready to make their plight known in series such as this. The fifth channel's obsession with characters living on the breadline shows little sign of abating as the latest episode proves. Among the folks trying to get by are Lisa, who spent seven years in prison for cocaine smuggling.



Celebrity First Dates, Friday, Channel 4, 9pm

FRIDAY

Celebrity MasterChef BBC1, 8.30pm

The contenders are challenged to create a main course and a pudding, using rabbit for the main, chocolate for the pudding, and a range of fruit and vegetables, herbs and spices. They are then sent out on their first mass catering task, making lunch for staff at Virgin Atlantic's training centre.

Celebrity First Dates

Channel 4, 9pm Bagging a date with a celebrity sounds like the stuff of some people's dreams – or at least the plot of rom-com Notting Hill. But how will four unsuspecting members of the public react in this special edition of the dating show as they turn up to find a famous face sitting opposite them? TV legend Esther Rantzen, who has found life lonely since the death of her husband 15 years ago, admits that her formidable reputation can scare men off, but she's hoping to find someone who won't, in her words, 'érun a mile'. Meanwhile, Richard Blackwood is out to prove he's nothing like the bad boy he plays on EastEnders, Paralympian Will Bayley plans to say it with flowers, and the Only Way is Essex's Jess Wright, who has some experience of seeing her love life play out on screen, hopes to find her Mr Right.

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Knowing there's a fight to get a point (5)
8. In such agreement cash, too, is involved (7)
9. Stumble on crude oil in N. Africa (7)
10. Not a subject needed by most schoolchildren (5)
12. An animal that could become richer soon (10)
15. Priest very disposed to waywardness (10)
18. Turn away a sick man who returned (5)
19. Or a part, perhaps, in proportion (3,4)
21. Continue with the ironing? (5,2)
22. It stands to reason (5)

Down

1. Appears wet, perhaps, but may be salvaged (5,5)
2. It supports a climbing animal without comment (5)
3. Note from me to the doctor (4)
4. Battle suit (6)
5. Bob saves the traveller's time (5,3)
6. They take no end of towels (7)
11. The opposition of different ancestries (10)
13. Take notice of the French ship being inattentive (8)
14. Support the strange seer (7)
16. Some politicians up in exalted positions are lethargic (6)
17. Scope of anger (5)
20. Well-produced paintings? (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

7. Unconcealed (5)
8. Voter (7)
9. Go before (7)
10. Nimble (5)
12. Colony (10)
15. Irritate greatly (10)
18. S. American dance (5)
19. Caretaker (7)
21. Stern (7)
22. Chooses (5)

Down

1. Self-satisfied (10)
2. Discourage (5)
3. Inflamed eye-lid (4)
4. Up-to-date (6)
5. Deteriorating (8)
6. Hits (7)
11. Undertaking (10)
13. In a job (8)
14. Serious (7)
16. Din (6)
17. Adhere (5)
20. Absorbed (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Panoramic; 8 Arm; 9 Fair warning; 11 Retires; 12 Exoil; 13 Malsdy; 15 Design; 17 Norma; 18 Article; 20 Blind alleys; 22 Nlt; 23 Stringent. Down: 2 Aga; 3 Rower; 4 Morose; 5 Chinese; 6 Magic circle; 7 Ambulance; 10 Intolerable; 11 Remanding; 14 Diaries; 16 Ladder; 19 Taten; 21 Yen. QUICK - Across: 1 Undecided; 8 Rob; 9 Redoubtable; 11 Intense; 12 Child; 13 Marshy; 15 Benign; 17 Roost; 18 Profane; 20 Achievement; 22 Out; 23 Termagant. Down: 2 Nee; 3 Churn; 4 Dither; 5 Debate; 6 Precipitate; 7 Abundance; 10 Deteriorate; 11 Immersion; 14 Hatchet; 16 Appear; 19 Opera; 21 Nun.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Which tycoon pledged £1m to keep Canova's The Three Graces in Britain?
2. By what name do we know the fish Hippoglossus hippoglossus?
3. In which country does the heir apparent bear the title of Prince of Asturias?
4. Who played the title role in the film The Madness of King George?
5. Which city is known in its own language as Baile Atha Cliath?
6. By which nickname is Venezuelan-born llich Ramirez Sanchez better known?
7. Which acid is the active chemical constituent of aspirin?
8. What is the second highest mountain in the world?
9. Who wrote the book Absolute Beginners in 1959?
10. Which colourful European allegedly gave Greenland its name?

Last week's solutions:

- Quiz: 1 Pictures element; 2 Cumbria; 3 Michelle Pfeiffer; 4 Reindeer; 5 Peace; 6 Tasmanian devil; 7 Berkeley Castle; 8 Twenty four; 9 Bridge; 10 Proton.
Niner: FORMALITY

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 5642 gives a colour,
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The poolside dining area also hosted entertainment in the evenings



The site's main adventure playground area



Children can play in the pool while the parents lounge



Venturing out – Guéthary Beach is well worth a visit

Site where families can Basque in sea, sun and entertainment

THE aroma of freshly baked bread signals the start of new mornings in France and collecting this warm and doughy delight became a daily routine my family and I wholeheartedly adopted while visiting the Basque Coast.

Imagine allowing a six-year-old the freedom to ride his bike to the onsite patisserie, practise his language skills and bring home freshly baked pastries for everyone.

That's exactly how each morning began on our glorious Eurocamp holiday at Le Ruisseau Campsite set in 18 hectares and just five miles from historic Biarritz.

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By Maria Bagnall

top destinations like Lake Garda, the Costa Verde in Spain and Switzerland. Being a traffic-free site allowed the children to whizz around on bikes and play in safety.

After a hearty breakfast delivered proudly by our eldest, on the decked terrace of our Espirit, three-bedrooms mobile home, most days were spent around the site enjoying the fantastic facilities.

Accommodation was perfectly functional and included three bedrooms, a kitchen diner with gas hob and oven, WC and shower room. For our needs the mobile home was perfectly adequate but if you are looking for a little more luxury the higher spec models may be more suitable.

Daily, there are various kids' clubs and activities geared to suit children up to the age of 12 and there is an endless list

of evening entertainment to boot. Blessed with glorious sunshine meant the children played in the pools. Parents could get a break, too, as loungers are carefully placed allowing full view of the swimming areas.

Off site, the beaches around the coast offer some of the best waves and the clearest waters. There are six to choose from and one of the longest stretches of coastline of all the Côte Basque towns await – all with lifeguards during the high seasons.

For us the beach at Guéthary was ideal for families, with rock pools teeming crabs and fish of every colour and the waters are such a beautiful deep blue, you can spend hours just gazing out to sea.

Being so near, San Sebastain in Spain at the heart of Basque country was another worthy day trip with its famous La Concha beach, considered one of the best city beaches in Europe. Be under no illu-

sions, Le Ruisseau Campsite is a long journey even by adult standards and took a lot of planning – an eight-hour drive from the north coast. But if you are happy to make do without the car, it is recommended to hop on a flight to Biarritz and take a short transfer (7km) to the park.

Keen to explore the area we drove and crossing the Channel couldn't have been easier. We opted for Brittany Ferries, Portsmouth fast-craft ferry crossing to Cherbourg which takes just three hours with daily departures. By the time we had waved goodbye to the ships at Portsmouth, had brunch and wondered around the ship we had motored across the Channel and arrived at Cherbourg in record time.

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Double fronted dormer bungalow in corner position

A DOUBLE fronted, detached dormer bungalow, 2 Cornwall Road, Walsall occupies a prominent corner position in a highly desirable area.

It is for sale through Fraser Wood at £379,950.

It has a porch, a spacious L-shaped reception hall, a through-lounge, with French doors opening to the garden, a front dining room, an extended breakfast room/kitchen with a five burner gas hob and oven, a utility, two ground floor bedrooms and a downstairs bathroom and downstairs shower room, two further upstairs bedrooms (one with a dressing area), and another with an en-suite shower room.

Outside is an extensive walled frontage, an in and out driveway, stores and a rear garden.

Being well-served by all amenities including regular public transport services along Birmingham Road to both Walsall and Birmingham City Centre, local shopping facilities and Junctions 7, 9 or 10 of the M6 Motorway; all being within approximately 6 km distance, providing ready access to the remainder of the West Midlands conurbation and beyond.

In further detail the through lounge has an Adam-style fireplace with a coal-effect gas fire, wooden flooring and French doors opening to the rear garden.

The front facing dining room has wooden flooring and a bay window. The extended breakfast room/kitchen has a comprehensive range of fitted base and wall cupboards, work surfaces, a five burner gas hob and oven, three double glazed windows and a breakfast bar.

There are two downstairs bedrooms, the downstairs bathroom has part ceramic wall tiling, a panelled bath with a mixer shower fitment, vanity wash hand basin and a WC. The downstairs shower room has part ceramic wall tiling, a shower cubicle, WC, wash hand basin and an extractor fan.

The first floor, with a further bedroom with a dressing area and wooden flooring and second bedroom en-suite, also has potential space for additional bedrooms, if required, subject to necessary permissions.

WALSALL £379,950



TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing (Where Specified)

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- Vacant possession

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- ●●●AUCTION PROPERTY●●●
- MODERN END TERRACE HOME
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs WC



- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating System

Guide Price £85,000



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- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Delightful Rear Garden

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- Convenient Location
- Local to a Range of Amenities
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, First Floor Bathroom
- Downstairs WC
- Double Glazing, Heating



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HAWKSFORD CRESCENT, BUSHBURY WOLVERHAMPTON

- Auction property
- Three bedroom semi-detached property
- Lounge & Dining room
- Kitchen



- Bathroom
- Majority double glazing & Central heating
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- BATHROOM
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- Well Appointed Throughout
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- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
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Traditional-style semi in convenient position

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON

£160,000

An attractive three-bedroomed traditional-style semi-detached, 175 Coalway Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, is within walking distance of amenities and convenient for access to the city centre.

It is for sale through Sanders Wright & Freeman at £160,000. The gas centrally heated character accommodation comprises two living rooms – both with feature fireplaces and bay windows – a fitted kitchen with integrated fridge freezer and integrated dishwasher, tiled flooring, part tiled walls and a door to the side.

There are also three bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate WC. There is ample parking and an attractive enclosed rear garden to the rear.

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Property has an appealing kitchen and bathroom

DARLASTON

£109,995

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This well presented three-bedroomed semi-detached property in Kennedy Crescent, Darlaston is close to good, local amenities, being just a few minutes walk into Darlaston town centre and Asda.

It is for sale through L&S Prestige Estates at £109,995.

A "must view" it has a porch, an entrance hallway, a lounge, an impressive kitchen/diner, a separate utility area, a conservatory and ground floor shower room which is fitted out in contemporary style, with a walk in glazed shower screen, white fittings and full wall and floor tiling.

On the first floor are three double bedrooms and a WC. The property also benefits from upvc double glazing, gas central heating, a garage, and a rear garden and a block paved driveway.

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Home features a re-styled kitchen and bathroom

This modern semi-detached house in Baneberry Drive, Wolverhampton comes with a re-styled kitchen and bathroom.

With ample parking via a large tarmac driveway, a pleasant garden with decking and being well presented throughout, it is for sale through Goodchilds at £179,950.

Located in the popular area

WOLVERHAMPTON

£179,950

of Featherstone, it also has a conservatory, a garage and double glazing.

In more detail the entrance hall has laminate flooring and stairs

off, a lounge with laminate flooring and a gas fire, a kitchen/diner with an electric oven with a gas hob and extractor above, space for a fridge and freezer and plumbing for appliances, splash-back tiling and floor tiling and French doors.

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• Extended Kitchen



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- Double Glazing
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• Bathroom



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• Hall, Lounge / Dining Room
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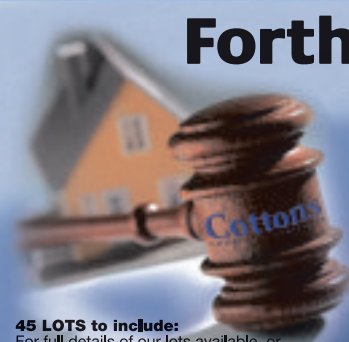
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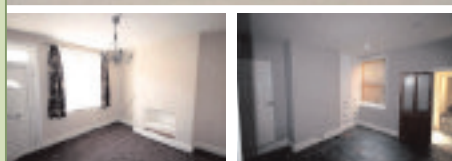
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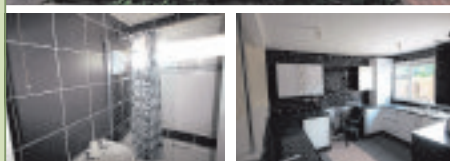
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Chepstow Road

- Recently Refurbished
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Entrance porch
- Gas Central Heating
- Through Lounge/Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Family bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- utility
- DHSS Accepted

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High Street, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Flat over Retail Premises
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Large Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DHSS Accepted

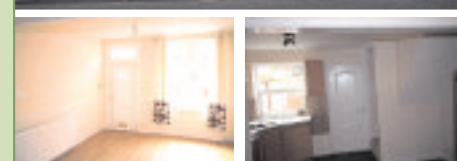
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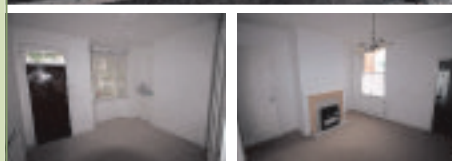
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West Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Very Well Presented
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted
- Close to Bloxwich High Street

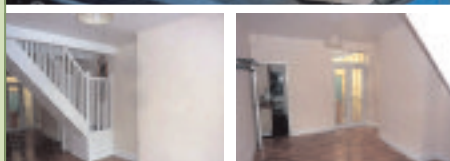
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Blakenall Lane, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Sorry No DHSS,
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- No pets or smokers
- Recently Refurbished

Monthly Rental Of £475



West Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Terraced Property
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Open Plan Staircase
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- Storage Area leading to Rear Garden
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- Close to Bloxwich High Street

Monthly Rental Of £475



Harrison Street, Walsall

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Electric Heating
- DHSS Accepted

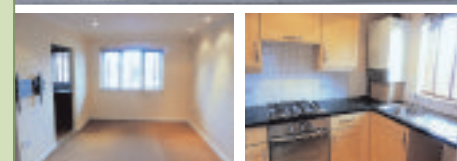
Monthly Rental Of £350



The Exchange, Walsall

- First Floor One Bedroom Flat
- Above Retail Premises
- Bloxwich High Street Location
- Lounge/Kitchen
- DHSS Accepted
- Close to Bloxwich High Street

Monthly Rental Of £350



Essington Road, Willenhall

- One Bedroom 1st Floor Apartment
- Secure Gated Entrance
- Fitted Wardrobes
- Bathroom with Shower
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Double glazing
- Sorry No DHSS, pets or smokers

Monthly Rental Of £450



Terret Close, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Open Plan Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Ensuite Shower Room
- Secure Gated Entrance
- Allocated Parking Space
- Town Centre Location

Monthly Rental Of £515



Leamore Lane, Walsall

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Side Entrance
- Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens

Monthly Rental Of £495



Moxhull Close, Willenhall

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Shared Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £325



Walker Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom 1st Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
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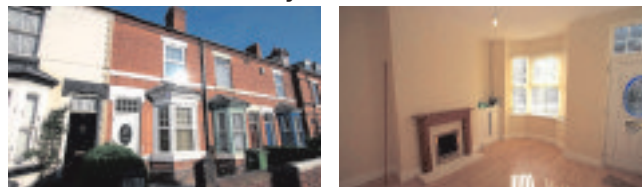
Wallace Road Bilston



Offers around £120,000

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Lumley Road Walsall



Offers around £105,000

●●SUIT LANDLORD AS CURRENTLY LET OUT AT £475PCM●● A well presented two bedroom mid-terraced property situated in The Chuckery in Walsall having the benefit of gas central heating, double glazed windows and fitted intruder alarm. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, family bathroom and rear garden. Energy rating E.

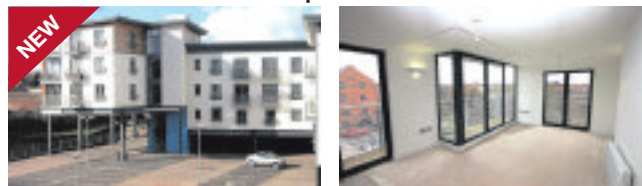
Deans Place Walsall



Offers around £110,000

●NO UPWARD CHAIN & OPEN TWO OFFERS● A well presented extended, 3 bedroom semi-detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 3 good sized bedrooms, family bathroom, rear gardens and block paved driveway. Viewing essential. Energy rating E.

71 Wolverhampton Street Walsall



Offers around £115,000

A luxury third floor two double bedroom apartment adjoining a former Victorian mill, built in 2008, with the M6 motorway approximately one mile away and Walsall town centre approximately half a mile away. The property boasts a designer kitchen area with integrated appliances and balcony, living room with balcony, luxury appointed bathroom, en suite shower room, video entry phone, lift within the block and allocated parking. Awaiting EPC.

Little Station Street Walsall



Offers around £64,995

●●CURRENTLY LET OUT AT £425 PCM UNTIL JAN 2017●● Situated within the heart of Walsall is this second floor one double bedroom apartment. The accommodation with double glazing includes, lounge, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, double bedroom. The apartment offers enough space for anyone downsizing or just starting out and also would make an ideal investment for landlord. Energy rating C.

Thornbury Road Walsall



Offers over £90,000

A luxurious top floor, 2 bed apartment having the benefit of no upward chain, central heating, UPVC double glazing and a allocated parking space. The property is ideal for the first time buyer or landlord and further comprises, communal area with intercom, reception hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, family bathroom and 2 spacious bedrooms, Awaiting energy rating.

Milton Street Walsall



Offers Around £115,000

A well presented three bedroom terrace property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This ideal family home further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, three bedrooms and rear garden. Energy rating D.

Bransdale Close Wolverhampton



Offers around £120,000

A lovely three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and cul-de-sac location. The property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and off road parking. Energy rating C.



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TSI engine is impressive

By John Griffiths

For years car makers have been striving for new technological ways to produce cleaner, more economical cars that are better for your pocket and for the planet.

Diesel cars are, for a variety of reasons, losing some of their gloss, electric cars are getting better but still have a way to go and hydrogen fuel cells could be years away.

Hybrids are one way of saving fuel without sacrificing too much by way of performance, but there's another way – one being developed by Ford, Suzuki, Renault Volkswagen and others.

The method is to take a small capacity petrol engine and to turbocharge it, forcing more air into the cylinder to give you more bang for your buck (as they say across the Atlantic) for better performance, but saving on the sort of fuel consumption you'd get from a bigger, normally aspirated engine.

For Volkswagen (and its Audi, Skoda and SEAT associates) this is the acclaimed TSI engine, which combines direct petrol injection with turbocharging.

It's latest incarnation is the three cylinder, 1.0 litre unit fitted in the seventh generation Golf: the first time VW has used petrol power for a car with its 'Bluemotion economy tag.

There's a useful comparison to make here as this 999cc engine is, essentially, the same as the non- turbo unit used in the company's little Up! City car.

In the Up! it produces 60PS of power: the new Golf's TSI boasts 115PS. Thanks to the turbo the latter also has 200Nm of torque, double that of the Up!

But it doesn't stop there: the heavier Golf, with an official test average of 65.7mpg and a tax-busting 99g/km of CO2 emissions, is actually slightly leaner and greener than its city slicker cousin. And, due to its economy, the Golf Bluemotion has a theoretical range of 900 miles between fill-ups.

It's not entirely down to the engine, of course, as a Bluemotion model is a little lighter than a standard (and especially a diesel) Golf and has a number of aerodynamic tweaks to the body work to help it slip through the air more cleanly.

The new model, in Match trim, isn't exactly cheap at £20,765 but VW must be confident that the savings on fuel and tax will be enough to persuade buyers it's a reasonable option.

Build quality and driving dynamics are typically Golf: there's little more that needs to be said.

What is impressive is just how well this mere 999cc manages to hustle a car of this size along. It is lively: it's 0 to 62mph time is 9.7 seconds.

But you wouldn't expect those choosing an economy car to be regularly competing in the traffic lights grand prix: do that too often and your mpg figures will soon tumble.

It's all about how the Golf Bluemotion wafts along in normal road driving, the extra torque endowing it with the relaxed, refined character of a car with another cylinder and many more cubes under the bonnet.

The slick six-speed manual gearbox also helps, for example if you plan a quick overtake.

It's a well-equipped car, too, with all the expected electronic wizardry to keep you safe and enhance its roadholding and handling. Electronic stability control, traction con-



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trol and an electronic differential lock are standard. ABS and hydraulic brake assist are supplemented by pre-crash occupant protection and post collision braking systems, as well as seven airbags.

A radar operated active cruise control system is designed to keep you a safe distance from vehicles on front.

Inside, you get air conditioning, electric windows and mirrors, heated front seats, automatic headlights and wipers and heated front seats, as well as an array of storage solutions around the cabin.

The central touchscreen controls the

satnav, audio and connectivity systems, and comes with a three year subscription of Car-Net which gives the driver online access to a range of information from traffic problems to weather and where you might find a parking space.

The Bluemotion also comes with VW's standard three years/60,000 miles warranty and comes with a reasonable 14E insurance rating.

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John Parrott on stage with snooker coach Andrew Highfield at Wednesfield Conservative Club



Jack Harris and Riley Parsons presented with their awards by the former world snooker champion



Junior champion Richard Haney collects his award

Parrott's flying visit to snooker presentation

FORMER world champion John Parrott pocketed more fans as he helped bring the curtain down on the Staffs and West Midlands Snooker League.

The popular ex-player was guest of honour at the league's annual awards night at Wednesfield Conservative Club.

And Parrott, who beat Jimmy White at The Crucible in 1991 to claim the world crown, proved a big hit.

The 52-year-old took part in a question and answer session with snooker coach Andrew Highfield, who helped organise the event, before dishing out awards and then treating 190 spectators to his impressive stand-up routine.

League match secretary Lee Thomson was delighted with the turnout and said the new-look format was well received.

Exhibition

"It was a very good night. We had 190 people there as opposed to 80 last year," said Thomson.

"We used to have a series of exhibition games and that has not really worked for the last three or four years. So we opted for a change of format with an after dinner speaker and it worked really well. John was brilliant and just what we needed."

"He did a question and answer session before handing out the various awards. Then he did his stand-up routine, telling tales about his career and his time on A Question of Sport."

"He also stuck around and did as many photographs and signed as many autographs as people wanted. He was very, very accommodating."

Parrott's appearance helped cap another successful campaign as the league enhanced its reputation as the best in the country. The new season will break off in September with 96 sides doing battle across six

SPORTING FEATURE

By Nick Elwell

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divisions. "We have a full complement of 96 teams again for next season including a new side from Stafford Constitutional, which is excellent news," added Thomson.

"John actually said he doesn't know of a league as strong as ours anywhere else in the country."

"He paid tribute to the committee on the job they are doing to keep the league strong, because that's not the trend around the country. It's a hotbed of snooker around here. There isn't another league in the country with as many sides and the standard is very high as well."

That standard was emphasised with a record number of 34 century breaks during the season, easily more than any other league in the country.

Brandhall Labour A claimed the Division One title for the fifth consecutive year by virtue of a deciding frame triumph against Sedgley Ex-Service in their final game of the season. The top-flight action also saw a new best of 19 century breaks compiled, tour pro Mitchell Mann (Brandhall Labour A) topping the list with a superb 141.

Cannock Cons A will be in the top division next season after winning the Division Two title while Amery

made it back-to-back promotions in lifting the Division Five crown. Bentley Moor marked their first year in the league by winning Division Six.

A new trophy was introduced in honour of one of the league's former players, Darren Crossley, who passed away last year. Junior champion Richard Haney of Wednesfield Cons was the inaugural winner.

Thomson said: "Darren was a popular player in the league and his former team-mates from Woodcross and Sedgley WMC clubbed together to provide a trophy. We will present that as a special achievement award each year in his honour."

Roll of honour - Division 1: Brandhall Labour A, runners-up Hotshots SC. Most wins: Richard Haney (Wednesfield Cons A) 26. Highest break: Mitchell Mann (Brandhall Labour A) 141.

Division 2: Cannock Cons A, promoted Forty Four Club A (runners-up) and Bilton BC A. Most wins: Daniel Eaton-Lees (Cannock Cons A) 26. Highest break: Daniel Eaton-Lees (Cannock Cons A) 111.

Division 3: Sedgley WMC C, promoted Golden Cue D (runners-up) and Bilton BC B. Most wins: Lee Barnister (Bilton BC C) 27. Highest break: Shawn Smith (Golden Cue D) 90.

Division 4: Windsor Transport B, promoted Sedgley Ex-Service C (runners-up) and Wednesfield RBL A. Most wins: Joe Hawkes (Sedgley Ex Service D) 26. Highest break: Joe Hawkes (Sedgley Ex-Service D) 61.

Division 5: Amery, promoted Golden Cue G (runners-up) and Wolverhampton Electric D. Most wins: Neil Drewett (Wolverhampton Electric D), Peter Robbins (Woodfield Social D) and Lee Boulton (Triangle) 23. Highest break: Peter Robbins (Woodfield Social D) 66.

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Challenge Cup: Hotshots SC, runners-up Sedgley Ex Service A.

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Foursomes: Jack Harris & Riley Parsons (Landywood SC), runners-up Geoff Williams & Gary Miller (Brandhall Labour A).

Pairs Medley: Daniel Ward & Simon Hickman (Sedgley Ex Service), runners-up Peter Hyland & Dwyer Evans (Codsall Firs).

Secretaries: Tom Maddocks (Forthouses CC), runner-up Robert Temple (Bushbury Grid B).

Grandmasters: Andy Evans (Landywood SC), runner-up Pat McVey (Woodfield Social). **Junior U21:** Rich Haney (Wednesfield Cons), runner-up Jack Harris (Landywood SC).



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Guest speaker John Parrott regales the audience at the West Midlands Snooker League presentation



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Heron now focused on job in hand

BOXER Luke Heron admits that his toughest opponent is himself.

The West Bromwich middleweight, whose real surname is Walker, has earned plenty of plaudits in his opening two fights as a pro but, after joining the paid ranks admits he has struggled at times with the discipline required to fulfil his undoubted potential.

The 22 year-old made his debut in October 2015, stopping fellow debutant Bryn Wain, before recording a points victory against Lewis Van Poetsch in December. However, after changing jobs and slipping out of the day-to-day training regime, Heron has not fought since.

Now fully-focused and back in the gym, Heron is set to enjoy a third pro outing on Black Country Boxing's 'Summer Scorchers' - sponsored by Grosvenor Casino Walsall - at Walsall Town Hall on July 9.

"After my second fight, looking back, I should have been straight back in the gym," he said. "That wasn't the case and then it was soon Christmas and in the New Year I started a new job. It was shift work so I struggled to get in the gym and, if I'm honest, just putting it off."

"The days roll into weeks and the weeks roll into months; I was my own worst enemy. I put a bit of weight on but then realised this is what I want to do. It's a lesson learnt now though and I'm ready to kick on."

Also on the bill are Halesowen's Lennox Clarke, Jordan Clayton, Craig Morris, Rob Hunt and Tipton super featherweight Lee Glover, alongside James 'The Full Monty' Montgomery and West Bromwich fighters middleweight Tom Stokes and super featherweight Jack Summers.

Tickets are £30 and £60 VIP ring-side and can be bought on 0845 111 2900 or directly from any boxer on the bill.

Swim squad makes a big splash with 64 personal bests

A SQUAD of 22 Broadway swimmers competed in the Stourbridge Open Sprint Meet and collected 24 trophies with 64 personal best times recorded. All race winners received a crystal trophy.

Blake Webb won the nine years boys 100m individual medley, the 50m butterfly and 50m freestyle.

Jenson Proctor won the 10 year boys 100m individual medley, while Matthias Henry triumphed in the 11 year boys 100m individual medley and the 50m freestyle.

Adin Kamingira touched home first in the boys' age 14 50m freestyle, while for the girls, Harriet Shepherd won the 14 year 100m individual medley.

Other trophy winners were Megan Butler in 14 year girls 50m butterfly, 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke; Riya Misty in the 14 year girls 50m freestyle and backstroke; Callum Bird for the aged 10 boys 50m butterfly; George Pattinson, in the 11 year boys 10m individual medley, 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke.

For further information about joining the team, call Alan on 01922 409760.

Ladies team now part of Community



Wolverhampton Sporting Community ladies

WOLVERHAMPTON Sporting Community are continuing to grow and have welcomed their first ever ladies side for next season.

The men's first team, which plays at Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley, were fourth in the West Midlands Regional League Premier last season and reached the JW Hunt Cup final at Molineux.

Walsall Ladies, who also play at the ground, have now agreed to become part of the club as Wolverhampton Sporting Community Ladies and the FA has granted permission for them to change their name. Starting off as Great Wyrley Ladies in 1999, they went under the Saddlers banner in

By Joe Edwards

2003. Founder Brian Simpson said: "The majority of football we have played has been at Hazel Lane and Wolverhampton Sporting asked us if we would consider changing our name."

"The area needs another link to a sporting club. We are a very good side and it was time to change."

Walsall Ladies, as they were last season, will be in the West Midlands Regional Women's Premier Division in 2016/17 and there are plans for a ladies development side and under-16 girls team.

PRIDE KEY FOR BOSS WHITNEY

BOSS Jon Whitney insists he will only sign players who are proud to wear the Walsall shirt.

Whitney has bolstered his ranks by snapping up Milan Butterfield, Erhun Oztumer and Florent Cuvelier. Former Colchester defender Joe Edwards is the latest signing as the club looks to rebuild following a string of high-profile exits.

Jason Demetriou has joined League One rivals Southend after rejecting a new deal at the Banks's, while left-back Andy Taylor has also ended his association with the club, signing for Blackpool on a two-year deal. Paul Downing, meanwhile, has penned a two-year deal with MK Dons.



Joe Edwards

Romaine Sawyers and Milan Lalkovic have all told the club they will be moving on and there are doubts over the futures of Sam Mantom, Anthony Forde and Jordan Cook. A £250,000 bid by Rotherham for striker Tom Bradshaw has been turned down.

Meanwhile, Whitney believes the mentality of the players Walsall sign is just as important as ability. "When we look to sign a player we will do a risk assessment," he said. "We do it on a one, two or three-tick system."

"I want people who are consistent with a good emotional baseline. I can start putting that into the mix now. I will put things around the place, buzz messages, which drill home what it is like to be a Walsall footballer and not just that, an elite athlete. I need people who are going to take real pride in that."

Whitney has called for realism as he prepares for his first full season in charge.

The majority of players have returned for the start of pre-season training this week, with Whitney aware the fans will be expecting the club to compete at the top end of the league.

"Of course there is going to be expectancy but we put a lot of pressure on ourselves," Whitney said. "It is not a burden, it is a challenge. But I think we may need a bit of realism as well. We have to build and bed-in some players again. If they bed-in and gel well who knows where it will take us. But we have to be a little bit patient."

Liam boxes clever for crown



Liam Etheridge celebrates with his family and coach, Shiney Singh

PLECK boxer Liam Etheridge was as good as gold as he brought home the West Midlands' only top honours from the Haringey Box Cup.

Europe's largest amateur event reached its climax at the Alexandra Palace in London with 296 bouts staged between the 500 entrants over three days, with Etheridge using the competition as his platform back to glory.

The 21-year-old flyweight first laced up the gloves aged 10 and has been a national champion before, going all the way three years ago in the Clubs for Young People championships.

Etheridge has since become a senior boxer alongside training to become a plumber, which forced him to miss this year's England Elite

tournament as he was working away. Two spotless victories in the 52kg senior division at Haringey landed him a gold medal and gave him the impetus to get cracking again.

He said: "I've always dreamed of boxing for England and winning an ABA title and I'm stopping amateur until that happens."

Etheridge was true to form in the 52kg final against Ryan Gibbons, from the City of Hull.

Pleck entered two other prospects at Haringey, Ryan Talwar reached the 60kg youth final before retiring after two rounds against Irishman Paddy Donovan. Club-mate James Beech was valiantly outpointed by Gary Culley at 60kg senior.

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